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**Reporter got it wrong:
the squatters didn't
take my property**

The newsman [Don Richter] didn't write what I told him to write [in the *Belleville Enterprise*]. He wrote: "Seniors land taken from her." My land hasn't been taken from me.

You should have said: "The people have overtaken it and won't move out. That's what I told him. And he should've have written it and taken the name of the lawyers and things, but he wrote that these people have taken my land, which they are using, and I can't get any help."

**City shouldn't support
the fireman accused of
dope possession**

I remember the fireman getting caught with drugs and I read the [unfavorable] comment [in "Sound Off"] the other day. I just wanted to say, maybe the sign in Westland should read: "We support our city. We support drug pushers."

**Caller says "Sound
Off" should be in
the 'Wayne Eagle'**

Hello, I live in the city of Wayne, and have lived there for 36 years, and I want to know why we can't get "Sound Off" in the *Wayne Eagle* on Thursday, when all the other papers have it? What is the reason? I'd like to have it stated in the paper so the people know? Is it because you don't want to hear our thoughts? [The lady is wrong: "Sound Off" doesn't appear in all MCN papers. Wayne Editor Tom Mooradian respects our readers' requests, those who want "Sound Off," like the caller, and those that don't. Some would consider it a virtue that the *Wayne Eagle* is not a cookie cutter version of the other papers.]

Is it because the Mayor is running for state senate against Loren Bennett, the best candidate? The Mayor lost his county commissioner race. He's out campaigning and missed the last meeting. . . I don't think he's fit for the senate. [It should be noted that Ken Warfield has several times been elected to the city council by the people of Wayne, and elected Mayor by the council members. Like Sen. Bennett, Mayor Warfield has community support - Ed.]

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2 killers arrested in Romulus

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

Two convicted killers, out on parole, were arrested and charged in the coldblooded slaying of a 37-year-old Inkster resident.

Police said that parolees John Wilder and Thomas Davis are the gunmen who are responsible for the shooting death of Troy Lee Prewitt, an alleged cocaine dealer, who was shot and killed on Sept. 21 in the parking lot of the Inkster Community Market.

The market is located in the 3700 block of Inkster Road.

Prewitt died of a single-bullet wound to the chest. Police believe that Davis fired the fatal bullet.

Davis, 41, a New York transplant living in Romulus, has ties in the city of Inkster, according to Inkster Detective Charles Hines, who of the primary investigators in the this, the city of Inkster's 11th homicide of the year.

Davis and Wilder are neighbors, Hines added.

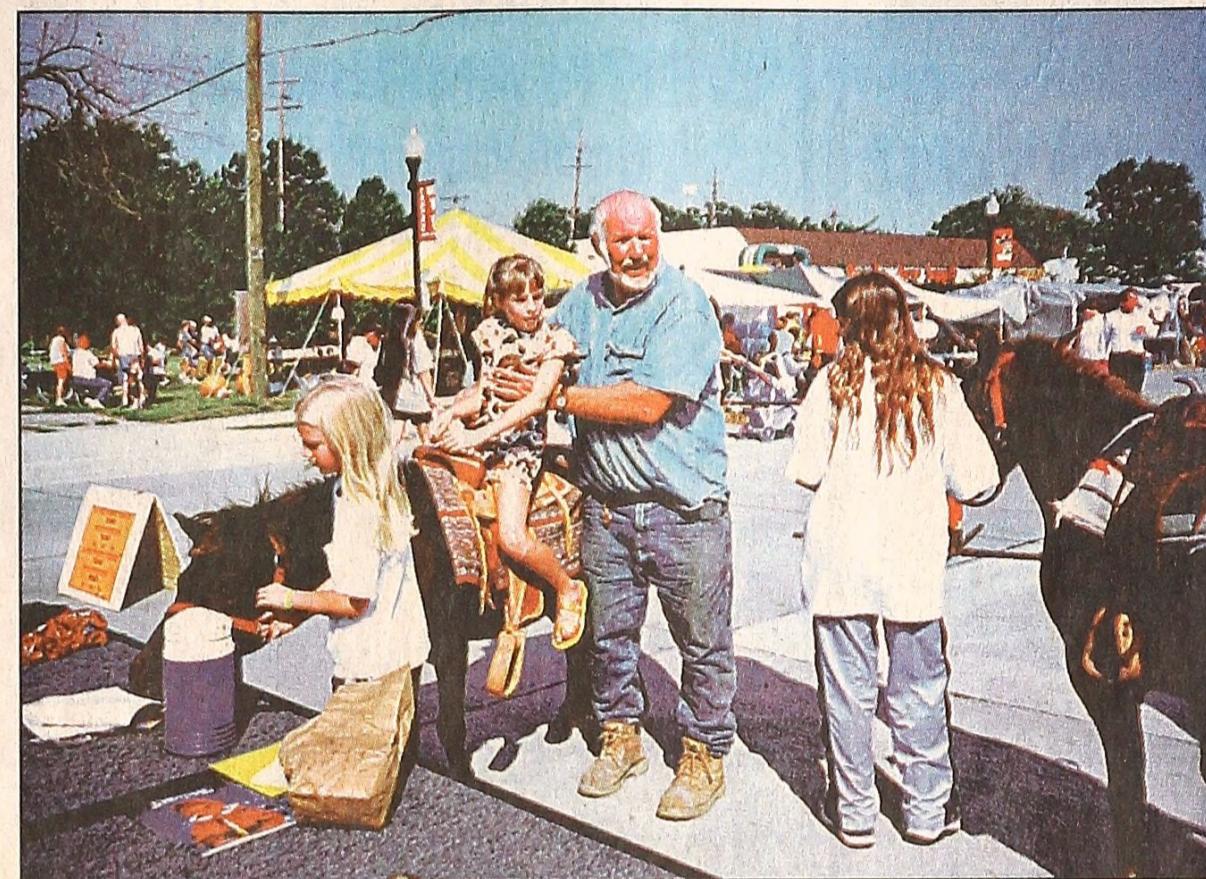
Davis appeared on Friday before 22nd District Court Judge Sylvia James to answer to charges of first-degree murder and felony firearm. He was charged as a habitual offender.

He stood mute at his arraignment and Judge James set bond at \$500,000 cash. The defendant then was ordered held in Wayne County Jail until his preliminary hearing scheduled for 9 a.m. Sept. 30.

Wilder also is charged under the Habitual Offender and is accused of first-degree murder and felony firearm. His bond is set at \$250,000 cash. The defendant also is scheduled for a 9 a.m. Sept. 30 hearing in the 22nd District Court.

Hines credited the arrests of the two murder suspects to "team effort" and "excellent investigative work by all those involved".

"Believe me, these guys worked hard to track down the killers," Hines added.



Festival growing

Romulus area residents flocked to the second annual Pumpkin Festival last Saturday and Sunday on Goddard road for hours of fun, entertainment and quality food items. One of the key attractions for the smaller children were pony rides/photo options next to a small petting zoo (top photo). Another fun activity for all ages was the hay rolling contest. Festival planners said the weekend was so successful an even larger festival will be conducted in 1999. See additional photos and story on page B-1. MCN photos by Al Post.

Romulus High student helps create web page for city of Romulus

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

Life around Romulus can now be found on an official Web Page created by Romulus High School sophomore Ryan Block.

Block, who previously had created his own Web Pages, took up interest on creating such a page last year, after talking to then Romulus

School Board trustee Sandra Langley.

Since then he has worked with Romulus Community Development Director Richard Marsh on creating such an international communication link for the city.

See next week's edition of the *Romulus Roman* for a photo and detailed story on Block and the city's honoring him for his efforts.



Nationally honored Phyllis Adkins -- principal of Cory Elementary School in Romulus for the past 10 years -- expresses her shock as well as appreciation after receiving the Milken Family Foundation's National Educational award last week. MCN Special Photo

Romulus principal earns \$25,000 education award

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

For the second time this decade a Romulus school principal -- Phyllis Adkins of Cory Elementary School -- has won the prestigious Milken Award that includes a \$25,000 cash award.

Adkins -- who is now in her 10th year as Cory School principal -- was nominated by the district's current Curriculum Director Thomas Dolan, who himself won the award in 1993 while he was Romulus High School principal.

The award's presentation was conducted as a surprise to Adkins last Wednesday morning in the school's auditorium.

In fact Mayor William Oakley, his assistant David Cox, Community Development Director Richard Marsh, school board members Kenneth Berlin and Alan Lambert and scores of other education-related officials were among the throng of 500

persons in the audience.

Assistant Superintendent Joel Carr acted as master of ceremonies -- introducing those leaders in attendance.

State Education Superintendent Arthur Ellis and his executive administrative assistant Jean Shane also were on hand, with Ellis actually making the presentation.

Berlin set the tone for many of those at the ceremony by saying "all of Romulus is especially proud today. We are proud of Phyllis, the work she does and the honor she has brought to our community."

Only four educators were honored in Michigan by the Milken Family Foundation of Santa Monica, Cal. Since its inception in Michigan in 1990, a total of 50 state educators have been so honored.

District Superintendent Dr. William Bedell was extremely pleased. He stated "the fact that our building administrators have been recognized twice in six years speaks

highly of the work of all our staffs and principals. We have much to be joyful about."

Dolan stated "Phyllis is a woman of high integrity and possesses unqualified concern for student achievement."

"She strongly believes that a quality education is the foundation for the future successes of all students," Dolan added.

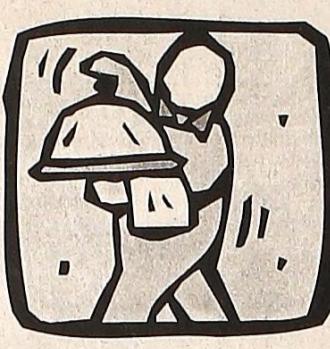
"Phyllis sets high standards for herself, her staff, her students and her community. Her passion and uncompromising approach will positively impact all students in her school and the Romulus community," Dolan said.

Adkins said part of her \$25,000 award will be used to fund permanent scholarships for Cory Elementary School students, who go on to graduate from Romulus High and for students at Western College of Miami University of Oxford, Ohio.

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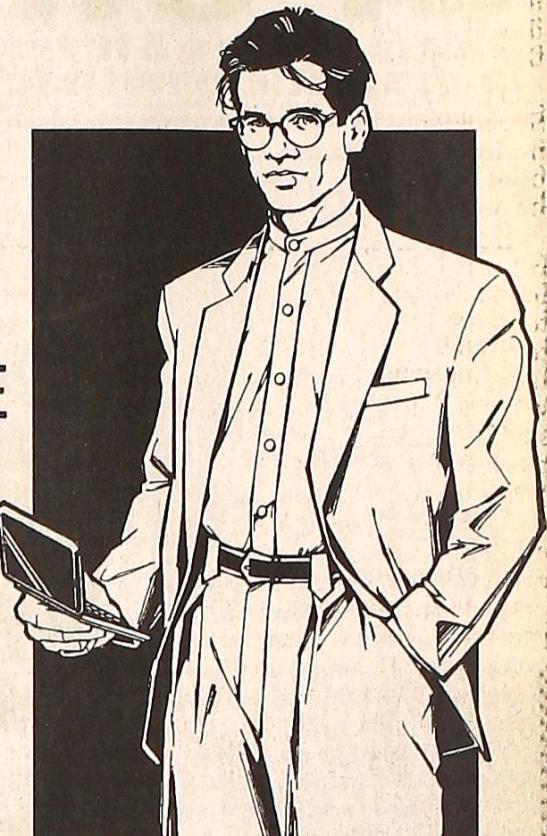
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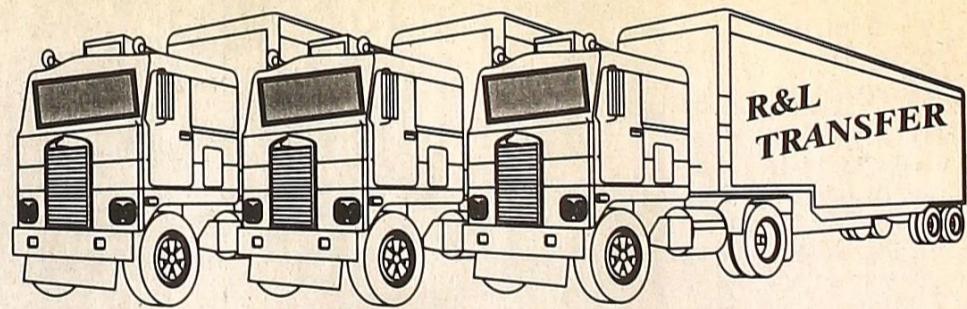


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Romulus mother battling cancer, needs local help

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

A happy-go-lucky Romulus mother of a two-year-old boy - diagnosed with a cancerous brain tumor only this February - will be aided this Saturday at a fund raiser dinner at the Woodhaven Moose Lodge.

The cancer victim, Sandee Steinhardt, has lived in Romulus with her husband, Timothy, for about four years. They have a son, Timmy, age 2.

Her mother, Kristine O'Neil, revealed one of the key elements of this Saturday's effort to raise funds for her daughter's medical costs will be a silent auction that will include various sports collector items, such as a hockey puck signed by Detroit Red Wing Steve Yzerman, as well as free tickets to various sporting events, theatre shows, restaurants and circus.

In addition Northwest Airlines has aided the auction.

O'Neil said, by contributing two round-trip coach tickets to any place in the lower 48 states or Canada.

The cost to the dinner is \$10 and will include music and the silent auction.

Sandee underwent an operation in March after the cancer diagnosis, but O'Neil said medical tests have shown that the cancer had invaded her brain tissue.

Since further operations are not an option, Sandee must undergo radiation and chemotherapy.

Even though she has had 36 radiation treatments already, the prognosis is not good, her mother said.

But despite the medical problems, O'Neil said, Sandee remains optimistic as do her close friends and relatives.

Sandee's maiden name is Rose and she starred in basketball, while attending Huron High School in New Boston. Her husband Tim attended St.

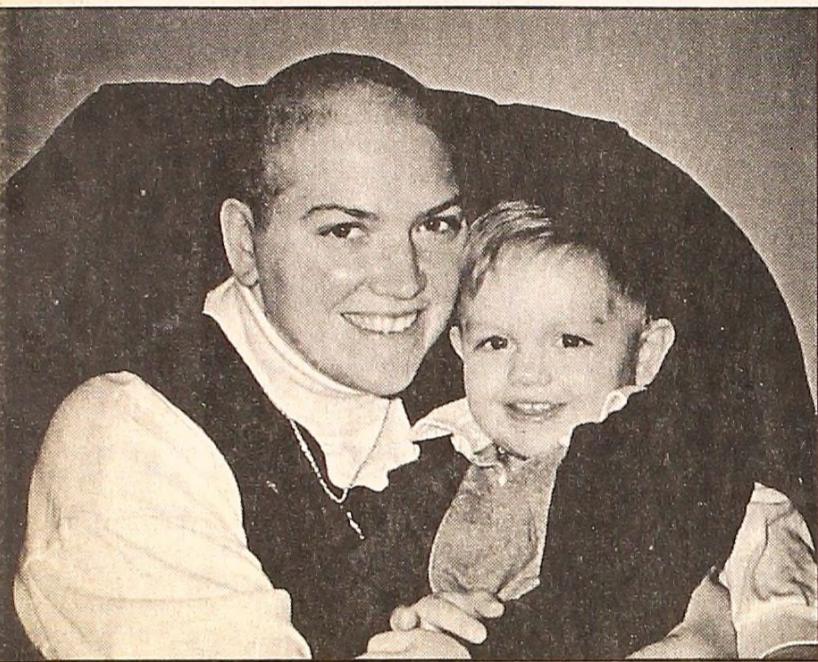
Aloysius Catholic School, the local Junior High and graduated from St. Aquinas High School.

He played both in the Romulus Little League's baseball and football leagues as a boy.

He currently works as an equipment service operator

for Northwest Airlines at Detroit Metro Airport.

Those unable to attend the dinner and silent auction can send checks made out to "Sandee's Fund" in care of the Downriver Catholic Federal Credit Union, 9300 Cooper St., Taylor, MI. 48180.



Smiles adorn the faces of both cancer victim Sandee Steinhardt, 30, and her two-year-old son, Timothy Jr., as they await Saturday's fund-raiser at the Woodhaven Moose Lodge. MCN Special Photo

CITY OF ROMULUS MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL HELD SEPTEMBER 8, 1998

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by William Wadsworth, Chairman Pro Tem

Present: LeRoy D. Burcroff, William A. Crova, Donald R. Morris, Michael A. Prybyla, Debbie Romak, William J. Wadsworth

Absent: None

Excused: Randolph Gear

Administrative Officials in Attendance:

William Oakley, Mayor
Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk
Pamela Kersey, Treasurer

Motion by Romak, supported by Morris to approve the agenda as amended.*

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.

Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

98-332

2A. Motion by Prybyla, supported by Romak to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Romulus City Council held August 24, 1998.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.

Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

98-333

3A. Motion by Crova, supported by Romak to grant a one year extension to Elro Corporation for preliminary plat approval to PC-031-06-97, a proposed single family subdivision to be located on Hannan Road between Ecorse and Tyler Roads known as "The Commons".

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.

Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

98-334

3B. Motion by Morris, supported by Burcroff to grant final preliminary plat approval to Elro Corporation for PC-032-06-97, a proposed single family subdivision to be located on Cogswell between Ecorse and Wick Roads known as "The Farms".

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.

Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

98-335

3C. Motion by Prybyla, supported by Romak vacate an alley abutting Lots 67 through 77 inclusive, Gordon's Detroit Park Subdivision.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.

Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

98-336

3D. Motion by Romak, supported by Prybyla pursuant to P.A. 198 of 1974, as amended, to schedule a Public Hearing on Monday, September 28, 1998 at 7:00 p.m., Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174 for the purpose of hearing comments on a request for tax abatement from Aztec Manufacturing Corporation, 15378 Oakwood Drive.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.

Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

98-337

4. Motion by Romak, supported by Crova to accept the Chairperson's Report.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.

Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

NOTICE

NOTICE OF LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION OF THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF ROMULUS, COUNTY OF WAYNE, MICHIGAN FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 1998

To the qualified Electors of the City of Romulus, County of Wayne, State of Michigan:

Notice is hereby given that, in conformity with the Michigan Election Law, I, the undersigned City Clerk, will upon any day EXCEPT Sunday, a legal holiday, and the day of any regular or special election, receive for registration the name or any resident not registered, who may APPLY for such registration EXCEPT during the time intervening between the CLOSE of Registration for the General Election and the day of such election.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that registrations will be taken at any Secretary of State branch office or in the ROMULUS CITY CLERK'S OFFICE, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan between the hours of:
Monday thru Friday - 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
AND THE LAST DAY TO REGISTER
Monday, October 5, 1998 - 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Every person who has the following qualifications, or who will have those qualifications at the next election shall be entitled to register:

1. A citizen of the United States, not less than 18 years of age.
2. A resident of the state for not less than 30 days.
3. A resident of the City of Romulus.

For the purpose of REVIEWING THE REGISTRATION LIST AND REGISTERING such of the qualified electors that shall properly apply therefor, the name of no person but an ACTUAL RESIDENT of the City of Romulus at the time of registration, and entitled under the Constitution to vote at the next election, if remaining such residents, shall be entered in the registration book.

5A. No action taken.

98-337

5B. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Romak to award Bid 98-31 to Mobile Vision, Inc. in the amount of \$93,800.00 for In-Car Video Systems for the Police Department.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.

Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

98-338

5C. Motion by Crova, supported by Burcroff to award Bid 98-33 for a Scoreboard at Elmer Johnson Field B to the only bidder, Motor City Scoreboard in the amount of \$5,970.00.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.

Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

98-339

5D. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Romak to award Bid 98-35 for a 1999 Multi-Purpose Excavator to the low bidder, AIS Construction Company in the amount of \$210,435.00 which includes a trade-in of \$30,000.00 for the 1989 Gradall Model 660E.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.

Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

98-340

5E. Motion by Morris, supported by Romak to award Bid 98-36 for a Four Cubic Yard Capacity Four Wheel High Lift Dump Sweeper to Jack Doheny Supplies in the amount of \$124,411.00 which includes a trade-in of \$15,000.00 for the 1989 Athey Mobile Sweeper.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.

Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

98-341

5F. Motion by Crova, supported by Burcroff to award Bid 98-37 for Pavement Marking to the only bidder RS Contracting, Inc. in the amount of \$15,810.96.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.

Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

98-342

5G. Motion by Romak, supported by Morris to approve Traffic Control Order CVP-533-98 for "Commercial Vehicles Prohibited - Local Delivery Only" on Hannan Road at Pennsylvania Road and Traffic Control Order CVP-534-98 for "Commercial Vehicles Prohibited - Local Delivery Only" on Hannan Road, 1,000 feet south of Wade Street.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.

Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

98-343

5H. Motion by Romak, supported by Burcroff to adopt a resolution in support of the Transportation Economic Development Fund (TEDF) Grant application for improvements to Northline Road from Inkster Road to Middlebelt Road. A copy in its entirety is on file in the Clerk's office.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.

Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

98-344

5I. Motion by Romak, supported by Prybyla to concur with the recommendation of Mayor Oakley and City Assessor William Griffin and Request Proposals for development of 96.76 acres of City Owned Property at Middlebelt and Pennsylvania Roads.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.

Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

98-345

*5J. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Romak to adopt a Memorandum of Understanding with Wayne County for the construction and relocation of the Department of Public Works building.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Morris, Prybyla,

Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

ROMULUS PUBLIC
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ROMULUS HOUSING COMMISSION REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (FURNACE CLEANING AND WINTER PREPARATION)

The Romulus Housing Commission is now accepting proposals for the winter preparation of furnaces at 101 dwelling units of public housing located in the city of Romulus, Michigan. Proposals are due on Friday, September 25, 1998, in the office of the Commission, at 2:00 p.m. Qualified persons interested in performing this work may pick up a Request for Proposal form at the Housing Commission office, 34200 Beverly Road, Romulus, Michigan.

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NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that candidates for the following offices will be voted upon:

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State Senator

Representative in State Legislature

Two Members of the State Board of Education

Two Regents of the University of Michigan

Two Trustees of Michigan State University

Two Governors of Wayne State University

Wayne County Executive

County Commissioner

Justice of the Supreme Court - (Regular Term, Incumbent Positions - Vote 2)

Justice of the Supreme Court - (Partial Term - Vote 1)

Judges of the Court of Appeals - (1st. District, Regular Terms, Incumbent Positions - Vote 2)

Judges of the Court of Appeals - (1st. District, Partial Term, Incumbent Position - Vote 1)

Judges of the Circuit Court - (3rd. Judicial Circuit, Regular Term - Incumbent Positions - Vote 20)

Judges of the Circuit Court - (3rd Judicial Circuit, Partial Term - Incumbent Positions - Vote 2)

Judges of the Circuit Court - (Regular Term, Non-Incumbent Position - Vote 2)

Judge of the Probate Court - (Regular Term, Incumbent Positions - Vote 3)

Judge of District Court - (34th District, Regular Term - Non-Incumbent Position - Vote 1)

and any state or county local propositions that may appear on the ballot.

This notice is given as provided for in Section 168.653 of the Michigan Election Law, as amended.

Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

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Romak, Wadsworth.</p

People in the news

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MICHIGAN COMMUNITY NEWSPAPERS

Sept. 24, 1998

People you know ... who are in the news scene during this week

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

Alane Love of Westland has been named the new assistant director for the main library of the Detroit Public Library system.

Previously, Love held a position at the National Institutes of Health as biological and medical librarian. Earlier she had been information manager at United Technologies Research Center.

Love also has served as assistant professor and science librarian at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville.

She has a master of arts degree from Tallagada College and a master of science degree in library science from Atlanta University.



Tiffany Clemons

Westland resident **Tiffany Clemons** is one of 10 Michigan students to earn a \$1,000 Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan scholarship.

Clemons is a biology major and a junior at Madonna University of Livonia.

The scholarships administered through the Michigan College Foundation, have been set up to encourage students to pursue a college degree in science or health related fields.

In addition to the scholarships, the students become eligible for summer internships with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan.

Mark D. Farr, son of Patricia Grant of Inkster, has enlisted in the U.S. Air Force's delayed enlistment program.

Farr, a 1991 graduate of Inkster Academy High School, will undergo a six-week basic training course in San Antonio, Tex. He will also receive technical training in the mechanical career field.

Alane Love

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Curtis L. Baker of Belleville has been hired as an Eastern Michigan University campus police officer. He earned his bachelor's degree in criminology and criminal justice at EMU in 1997.

He also graduated from the police academy at Washtenaw Community College the same year. He was a police officer at Northville Police Department prior to coming to EMU.

Other local hirings at WCC included: **Jacob Boss IV** of Canton as assistant baseball coach; **Pamela McNeil** of Belleville as operations services specialist 1, university computing; **Cathrine Carter** of Canton as secretary for intercollegiate athletics; **Elaine Dillard** of Inkster as secretary of academic affairs; and **Genevieve Cornish** of Belleville as custodian of the physical plant.

Two area residents, Eddie Knapp, 14, of Westland and Michael Lewis, 9, of Inkster, have been named honorary captains at Detroit Lions home games this year.

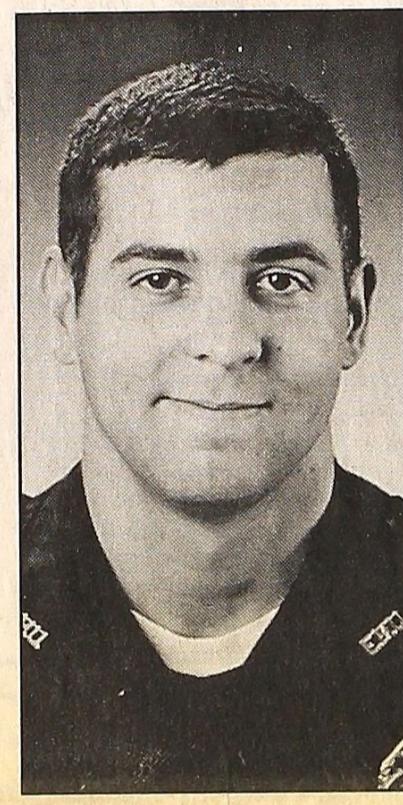
Each will receive four game tickets and a parking pass, watch the pre-game warm-ups from the sidelines, escort the official team captains to the coin toss and have their photos taken on the field.

In addition they will receive McDonald's gift certificates worth \$25 and hats.

The youths had entered the Honorary Captains contest at local McDonald's restaurants and were chosen by a random drawing.

U.S. Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Robert D. Snell, a 1992 graduate of Romulus High School, recently completed a six-month deployment to the Mediterranean Sea and Arabian Gulf aboard the guided missile cruiser USS San Jacinto. During that time Snell and 300 other sailors aboard the ship responded to a distress call from a Turkish-flagged vessel and aided an injured civilian crew member suffering from head, facial and internal injuries sustained in a fall. Once stabilized the injured crew member was transferred by helicopter USS John H. Stennis and later to a hospital in Bahrain.

Navy Fireman Nathaniel J. Barker, son of Terry L. and Deborah G. Barker of Romulus, recently completed the U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill. Barker is a 1998 graduate of Woodhaven High School in Woodhaven.



Curtis L. Baker

Check this weeks classified section.



Donald and Doris Ritthaler

Ritthalers' celebrate their 50th anniversary

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

other children: Robert, Christine and William and seven grandchildren.

The Ritthalers' have lived in the area for 44 years.

Ritthaler worked for 42 years for the U.S. Trucking Co. and retired in 1986.

His wife is a homemaker.

They are members of the St. Paul Lutheran Church of New Boston.

One of their favorite interests is going to yard sales.

Birth announcements

Cassie Nicole Mabelitini, daughter of Ted and Judy Mabelitini of Westland, was born July 27, 1998 at Annapolis Center of Oakwood Healthcare Center in Wayne.

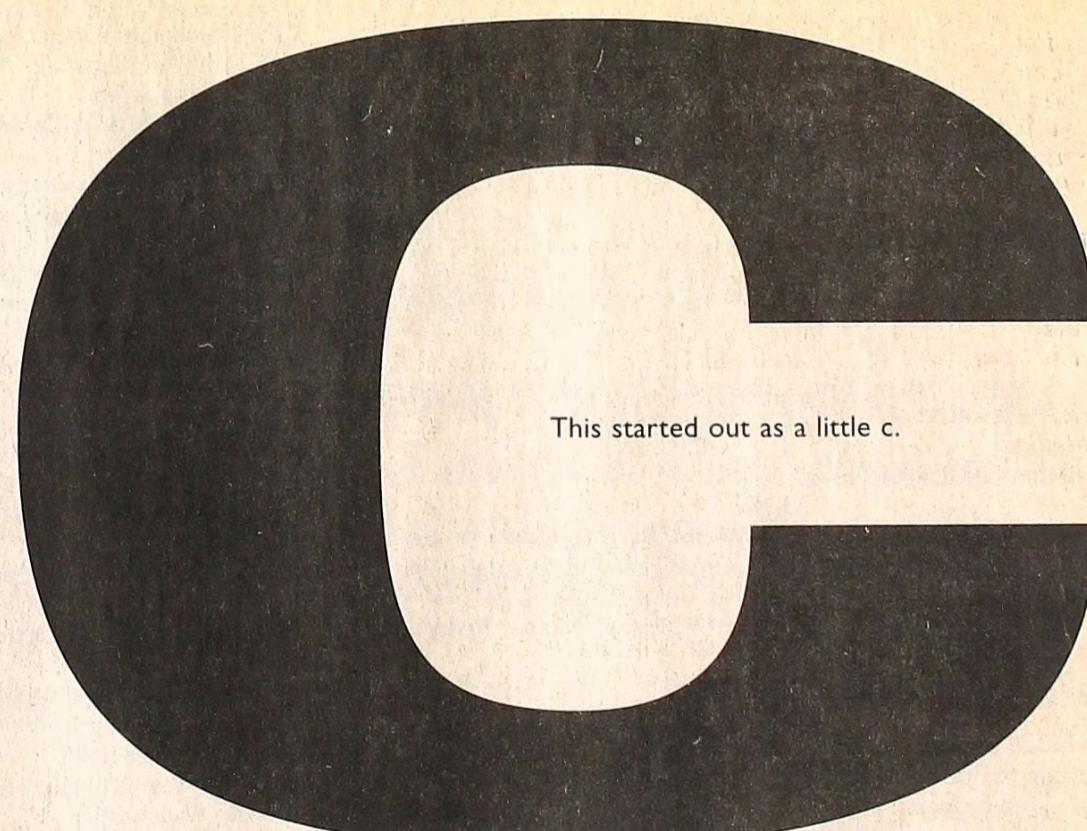
She weighed six pounds and 13 ounces at birth. She has brown hair and blue eyes.

She joins a brother, Taylor Rae, at home.

Her grandparents are Jim and Joni Fuchs of Westland and Jim and Peggy Mabelitini of Wayne.

She weighed seven pounds and eight ounces at birth. She has sandy blonde hair and brown eyes.

Her grandparents include Edward C. Jessick of Romulus and Rosemarie Hubbard of Westland.



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By RITA BEDELL
MCN Police Writer

VanBuren Reports

Officers observed some erratic driving caused by what they believed to be someone intoxicated on Belleville Road at I-94 on September 11 at 12:46am.

Good eye, the man was stopped and arrested for drunk driving.

Meijers made a trespassing complaint on September 11. Police responded to the call and a warrant arrest was made.

A suspicious person was reported in the 10000 block of Belleville Road during the early morning hours of September 11.

The person turned out to have been missing from a group home and was safely returned.

Malicious destruction of property was the call received from the 1500 block of Denton Road on September 11.

After checking out the area, a report was filed.

Police had to let a resident of the Van Buren Estates know that they were disturbing the peace by playing their music so loud that the neighborhood could hear it.

Seems to be a brave bandit out there! A motorcycle was stolen from a garage from a home on Beck Road on September 12.

McDonald's on Belleville Road called for assistance on September 12 at 12:18am.

Seems a disorderly customer threw food back at the drive-thru attendant.

The customer made the mistake of driving off at a high rate of speed, which made him more visible to officers responding to the call.

He was subsequently arrested for drunk driving.

A medical emergency in Parkwood Manor sent one person to the hospital for breathing difficulty.

An officer observed a suspicious vehicle on Edison Lake Road at the dam. Further investigation revealed the suspect in the vehicle had an outstanding warrant in Romulus.

The man was arrested at the scene without incident.

The Red Roof in called police to report a man who refused to pay his bill.

Of course, when officers arrived, he paid promptly.

A drunk driving arrest was made on I-94 at Belleville Road on September 12 at 3:31am.

Then another drunk driving arrest was made at Belleville Road and the South Service Drive at 5:03am.

A car accident was reported at Ecorse and Belleville Roads on September 12 at 7:25pm.

There was a breaking and entering report made from a location in the 39000 block of Ecorse Road on September 12.

Meijer's called to report a case of retail fraud. Officers responded and an arrest was made.

Someone from the 12000

block of Lake Point Pass reported they had a personal protection order that had been violated.

Officers observed a suspicious person in the 100 block of Coca Cola Drive on September 12 at 6:45pm. The man was arrested due to unknown reasons.

An injury accident was responded to on Michigan Ave. at Legg's Lounge on September 12 at 7:48pm.

The victim was ejected from their vehicle and had to be transported to the hospital for injuries sustained.

The driver of the other vehicle was arrested for drunk driving.

A resident of the Haggerty Sub reported a group of men gathering on Coolidge. The caller stated for a possible fight.

Officers responded, no fight, and the men did not want any police assistance.

Someone called police to report a large fire on Haggerty Road.

Turned out to be a large bon fire which was being closely guarded and no injuries to speak of.

Domestic problems were the cause of officers having to go to the 14000 block of Hannan.

All was clear when officers left the area.

A report was filed of a fight in the 11000 block of Meadows Lane on September 13.

An assault and battery report was filed by a resident at Parkwood Manor on September 13 at 3:40am.

A warrant arrest was made at 7:41am from the 12000 block of Haggerty.

The person would not have been found so soon had he not been trespassing.

A call was received reporting a stolen vehicle at 2:18pm on September 13 from the 44000 block of Ecorse.

Evidently the vehicle was found, as when officers arrived, the caller was no where to be found.

There was an arrest made on September 13 due to retail fraud reported in the 2000 block of Rawsonville Road.

Someone on Elwell Road called to report a suspicious vehicle at 8am on September 14.

Turned out to be a local resident.

A caller reported what they believed to be domestic violence in the Michigan/Dellor area.

Officers responded to the call. No report was made as the persons did not want assistance at the location.

A semi truck driver was arrested at Rawsonville and the South Service Drive on September 14 at 6:12pm due to drunk driving.

Trespassers were advised by officers to leave the area immediately on September 14.

They were trespassing in one of the buildings at Harbour Club.

A vehicle was stolen from the Haggerty Subdivision on September 15 at 2:02am.

A pursuit followed into Detroit. The suspect was apprehended.

hended and arrested at the scene in Detroit.

Two more vehicles were reported stolen on September 15. One from Southport Apartments and the other from a location on Westlake.

A traffic arrest was made in front of Meijers on September 15 at 12:50pm.

Meijers reported retail fraud on September 15 and an arrest was made.

Police were called to an abandoned vehicle on Dewitt on September 17.

Turned out to be a stolen vehicle which was recovered by officers.

An injury accident was responded to at Hannan and Northline Road at 6:45am on September 17. One vehicle was a mini-van.

I happen to drive through the area at approx. 7:15 each morning and saw the damage to the van.

Let this be a word to the wise, Hannan and Northline is a very dangerous intersection with the trucks that drive through there each day. Please slow down while crossing the intersection, and if you are on Northline, come to a complete stop and be absolutely sure there is no traffic coming from the North or South. If you can't see past a truck next to you, wait for the truck to cross first.

Domestic problems sent officers to a home on Hull Road on September 17 at 9:08pm in which one person was arrested.

Check out our classified section this week.

Trivia Test

by Aaron E. Tucker

THE DISCO-DANCIN' 1970S

1. Can you name the city and state where Alabama Governor George Wallace was seriously wounded while campaigning for the presidential nomination on May 15, 1972?

2. When Soviet leader Nikita Khrushchev died in Moscow on September 11, 1971, how old was he?

3. What extremely significant incident ended for major league baseball on April 13, 1972?

4. Can you name the first unmanned U.S. spacecraft to orbit around Mars on November 11, 1971?

5. Name the actress who portrayed Aunt Esther on the popular 1970s sitcom, "Sanford And Son".

6. Why did former Vice President Spiro Agnew resign from office on October 10, 1973?

7. Who became the 40th vice president of the United States on December 6, 1973?

8. What year during the 1970s did the U.S. officially depart Vietnam for



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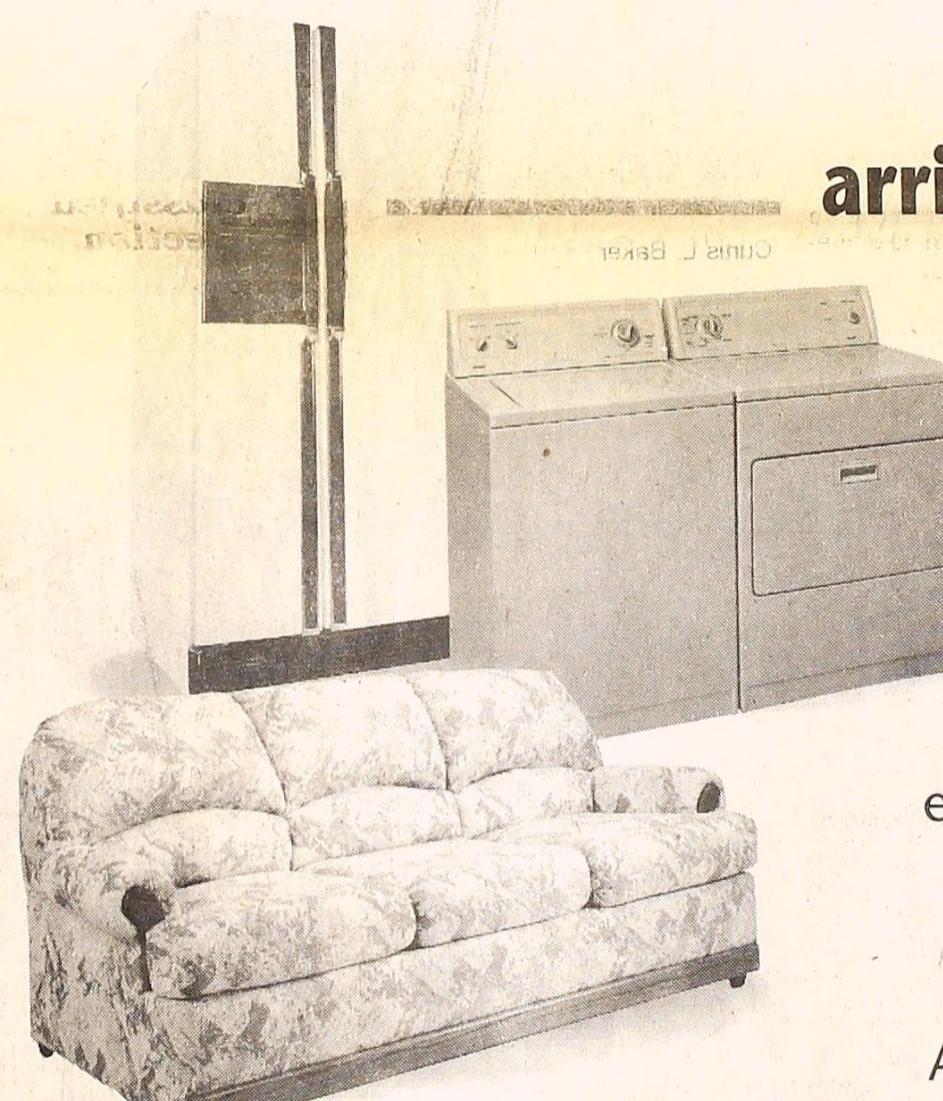
Trivia Test Answers

1. Mr. Wallace was shot at a shopping center in Laurel, Maryland; 2. 77 years old; 3. The first ever players' strike was over after 13 days; 4. Mariner 9; 5. LaWanda Page; 6. He pled no contest to one count of income tax evasion; 7. Gerald R. Ford; 8. On April 29, 1975, the U.S. embassy departed at 7:52 p.m. Saigon time

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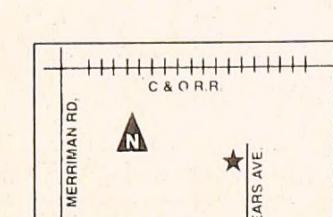
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Women's Council season kicks off

By DON RICHTER
MCN Staff Writer

The Women's Council, an affiliate of the Ypsilanti Area Chamber of Commerce, will begin its 1998-99 season on September 15 at Eagle Crest Golf Club at 11:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

The Women's Council is designated to support women in business, provide referral resources for start-up and ongoing business services, pro-

vide educational programs, mentors and opportunities to network, and assist women in developing their professional and personal effectiveness.

Among the group's activities are, five bi-monthly luncheon programs for members and guests from September through May, recognition of the area's most outstanding business person, maintenance of a professional mentor directory for women, informal affiliations with other local and

statewide business women organizations, and communication through the Chamber newsletter Business Talk and the Women's Council own newsletter.

Membership in the Women's Council is free to dues-paying members of the Ypsilanti Area Chamber of Commerce. Non-chamber members are charged a \$25 fee for membership.

For more information call 734-482-4920.

Proud American dreams of red, white and blue Capitol dome

By DON RICHTER
MCN Staff Writer

For more than ten years, Andrew Anthos has had a dream. A vision, that has driven him from one side of Michigan to the other.

His is a simple dream, yet one which has proved to be hard to realize.

All he wants is to light the Capitol dome in Lansing in the soft, muted colors of the American flag (red, white and blue) on special American holidays such as the Fourth of July, Me-

morial Day, Labor Day, Flag Day and Veterans Day.

He has been on a one man crusade, walking from community to community, spreading his vision to others. Recently, he made his way through western Wayne County.

"It's a tribute to the people," said Anthos, commenting on his red, white and blue dome dream. "This lighting is for all the people."

He has met stiff resistance from legislators in Lansing who think the lighting to be impractical.

"I will never give up my dream," Anthos said.

He has received letters of support from Mike Ilitch, Dick DeVos, and other state dignitaries and celebrities.

"I just want to get the word out to the public. I want people to write to their state representatives, the governor, and their local newspapers if they support this idea. The Capitol building belongs to the people, not by the people who serve us. The lighting of the dome in red, white and blue will be a beacon of inspiration to us all."

Belleville approves purchase of concrete to repair Church St.

By DON RICHTER
MCN Staff Writer

The Belleville City Council on Monday approved the purchase of \$1,065.00 worth of concrete from Osborn Concrete for routine maintenance and repairs on Church Street.

According to city officials, four separate repairs have already been completed on the

street with more needed in the future.

In other news, the council unanimously approved the June payable to Goodyear Tire for the disposal of scrap tires in the amount of \$24.00.

Also, unanimously approved, was payment of \$1,950.00 to Roto-Rooter for sewer repairs on W. Columbia Street.

It appears that a property

on W. Columbia Street needs to have a sewer connection repaired. During the first phase of sewer work, the property was not properly connected to the existing sewer line. The city is responsible for this mistake, not the property owner.

"A water line for a homeowner was not hooked up," said Keith Boc, city administrator. "It wasn't their fault. It was the city's fault."

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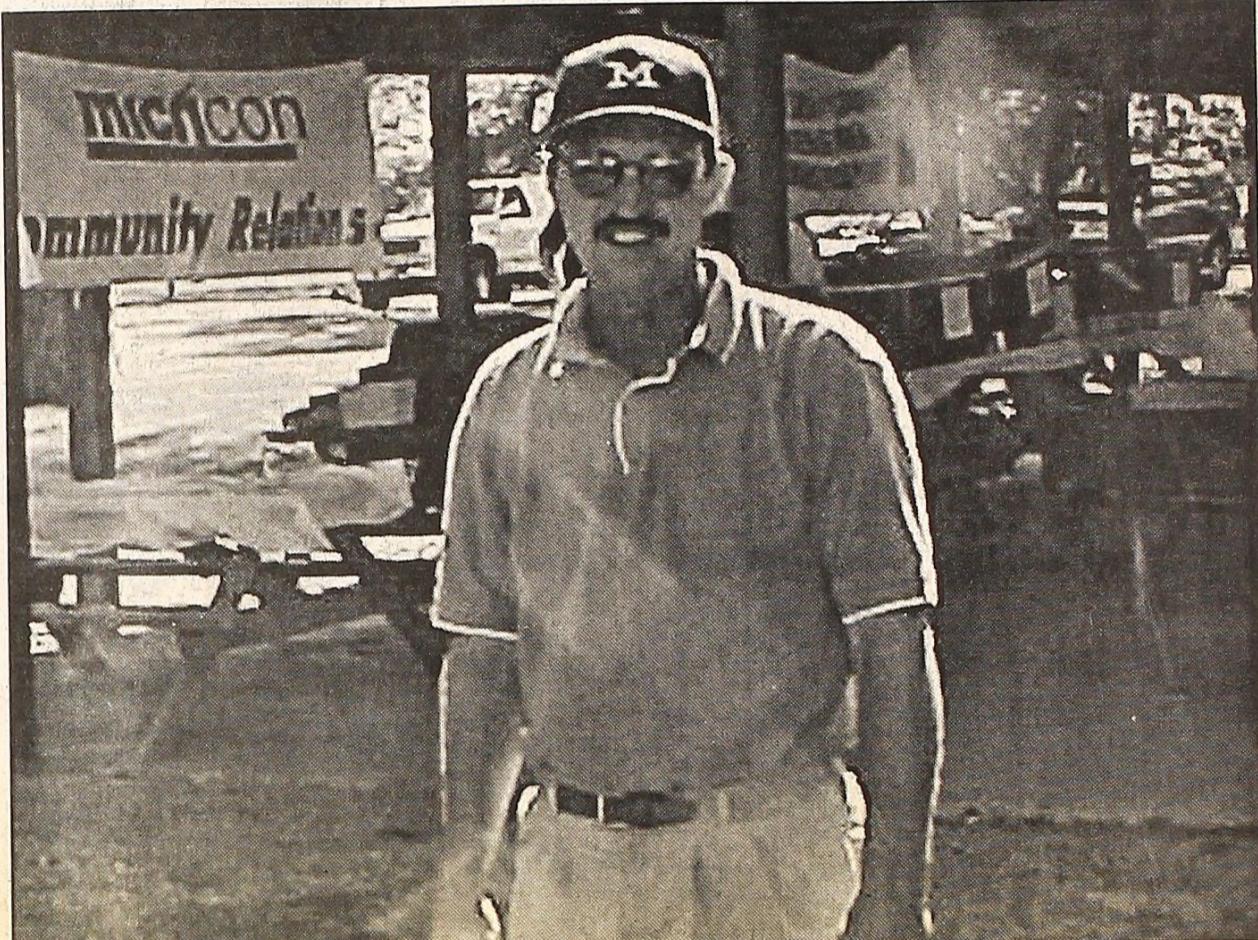
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Historical Society Secretary and Archivist Virg Stoltz talks to South Middle School students about the Clark Family Exhibit on display at the Belleville Area Historical Museum. The students visited the museum as part of a school project.



Fran Hawkins of UAW/Ford won the "Closest to the Pin" competition at last week's Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce Golf Outing/Picnic. The shot was nine feet and three inches from the hole.

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Seniors on the move

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Civil War pension reports prove to be good historic information

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

Interested in knowing more about the Canton area's history.

A great information pool to research is the National Archives Civil War pension files on late Canton residents.

David Curtis, secretary of the Canton Historical Society, informed his society's members recently that those files

contain rather interesting information about former residents in an earlier century.

The information can include the Civil War veteran's name, military unit he served, date and place of his birth and his later military enlistment.

Curtis report said various affidavits can contain reports on the veterans' service related injuries and doctors reports on the treatment process.

The reports also can list such things as marriages, names of children and his wife

or wives during his lifetime. If a widow filed a claim, the report also could contain the veteran's obituary and other valuable pieces of historic information.

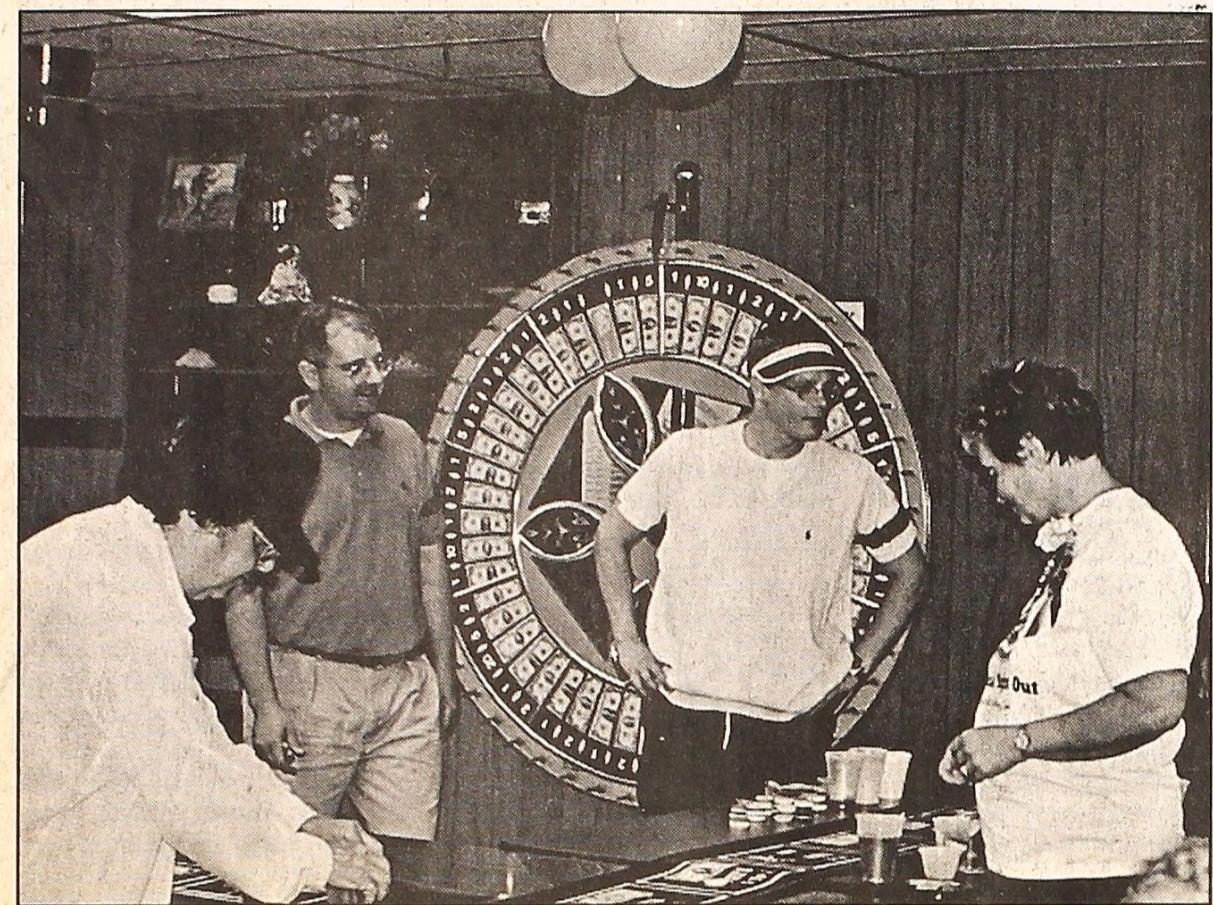
To seek "selected pages" of a veteran's records the cost is usually about \$10, but the seeker could miss some critical information, Curtis advises.

Copying an entire file could cost up to about \$60...but usually costs between \$20 and \$35, he said.

To seek such pension or military files write to the Textual Reference Branch (NWDT-1), National Archives and Records Administration, 7th and Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, D.C. 20408.

For more information write to the Canton Historical Society, PO Box 87362, Canton, MI. 48187.

The Canton Historical Museum is open from 1 to 3 p.m. on Tuesdays and 1 to 4 p.m. on Saturdays.



Happy times

Romulus senior citizens are shown enjoying the fun at the city's senior center during the recent National Night Out program. MCN Special Photo

Chicken soup for golfer's soul needed

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

A hunt is on for heartwarming, insightful and powerfully moving stories about golf.

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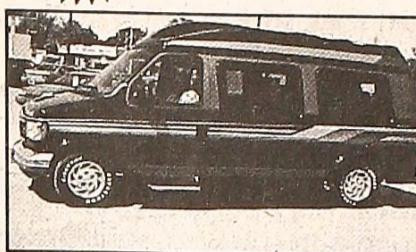
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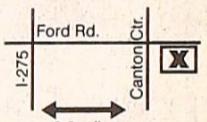
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700 students need school

As if elections in August and November were not enough, Canton voters must make their way to the polls on October 3, to give their nod to a \$20,000,000 school construction bond.

That's right. We are asking voters to vote "yes" for a Plymouth-Canton Schools proposed bond to build a new middle school. We think an approval is necessary because the 18-year lease on Lowell Middle School will expire in July of 2000, and the lessor, Livonia Schools is not going to renew it.

That puts Plymouth-Canton in a real pickle. Lowell currently is the daytime home for 755 students. Come the year 2000, those 755 students may be attending class in a briar patch if a new school isn't built. Many of us may not like this reality, but we must face up to it, and the responsible course of action is to build a new school.

New schools in Canton are a fact of life. The township, with the exception of Macomb Township, leads all other Southeast Michigan municipalities in new home starts. It has held this position for four years. What once was a small hamlet is now a major metropolitan area. With this dynamic growth comes thousands of families. With families comes the need for new schools. This is progress.

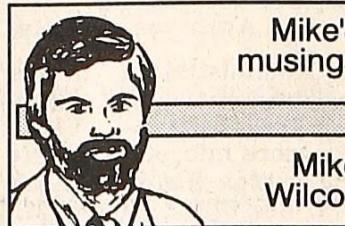
The school system intends to build the new school on Hanford Road, between Canton Center and Sheldon, smack dab in the middle of the township. It will be the only middle school in Canton, the existing schools being

in Plymouth. With Canton the recipient of the lion's share of growth in the area, it is about time the township has a middle school.

Opponents cannot deny the school is necessary. Rather, they stake their opposition on an ineffective administration that should have planned for this problem a long time ago. Former state representative Jerry Vorva is particularly outspoken. He said, "Their attitude is: If we screw up, we just take more money from the taxpayers." Ouch! Must we really deny our kids a place to learn because we think our superintendent is a dumbo?

On the other hand, Superintendent Chuck Little claims the district has saved taxpayers a ton of money (millions, he says) by renting the Lowell school for the 18-year span. Although he was not around when the original deal was made, Little thinks it was a clever and unique arrangement to rent the vacant Livonia school building.

As we see it, that's all water over the dam. The issue at hand demands that we act on behalf of the 700 plus students that are going to need a building soon. Again, we urge all Plymouth-Canton school district voters to make haste to the precinct of your choice on October 3, and pull the "yes" lever to construct a new middle school.



Mike's musings

Mike Wilcox



Culture sweeps nation



Ivan Helfman

60 in 1965 to more than 800 today. Break a leg.

Likewise live classical music is gaining popularity, despite declining CD sales. Since 1980, over 100 symphony orchestras have been formed.

Trees are falling as books sales soar. Lead by over 7,000 new novels, book sales have topped 2 billion.

Gourmet restaurants and grocery stores are popping up in the strangest places. Lines form to spend a bundle to nosh authentic Italian food at Ernesto's in Plymouth. Holiday Market is setting up a gourmet supermarket in Canton.

What is driving the cultural boom? "Historic levels of wealth, educational attainment and cultural exposure have converged over the last decade," the Journal explains.

However it came, it indicates that life is good and getting better.

Letters from our readers

Remember when Presidents didn't tell a lie

To the Editor:

Not too long ago every school child knew the story of George Washington and the cherry tree. Confronted with his wrong doing, the young Washington said: "I can not tell a lie."

Today's school children seem to be learning a dangerously different lesson from our latter-day president, Mr. Clinton. Which is: Lie and deny everything, until you are about to be exposed, then make a pathetic, teary eyed confession and beg for forgiveness.

Needless to say this sociopathic lesson must be unlearned quickly for the good of the country.

The Clinton aiders, abettors, apologists and enablers must now abandon their partisan positions, and join those who seek to forthwith clean up the White House.

President Clinton's biography might be called: "Bill Clinton: a study in narcissism." But, we can not allow the misplaced ambition of this one man to disgrace the office of Washington, Lincoln and Roosevelt.

Allowing Al Gore to lead the nation into the 21st Century would not be a sign of our disgrace or weakness, but rather an affirmation that we are a government of laws and not of men.

Vorva must answer for delay of new schools

To the Editor:

Since the Court of Appeals rejected Mr. Vorva's request for a rehearing of his lawsuit, bringing to 6 the number of defeats, it is time for Vorva to answer to the Plymouth-Canton community.

* Will builders continue to build more homes here if there are not enough adequate school facilities to accommodate the children of prospective home buyers?

* Will realtors (like Mr. V.) continue to sell homes if they must remove the desirable phrase, "Plymouth-Canton Schools", from their listings and replace it with "overcrowded schools" instead?

* Will businesses locate and prosper here if parents or present and future school age children move away to more desirable communities where public schools are being built and supported?

* Mr. Vorva must answer to every child who is squeezed into a crowded classroom or who waits seemingly forever for a broken down school bus to be repaired. He must answer to every family who packs up and leaves for school friendlier pastures. He must tell all realtors, builders, business people and everyone else who have invested in our community for whose benefit he pursues a dead-end lawsuit.

Passage of the upcoming October 3 bond election to replace

See LETTERS, page A-9



Thanks a Million

WEEKLY SYNDICATED COLUMN by PERCY ROSS

Millionaire Percy Ross is known for his philanthropic work. He offers help and encouragement for those in need. He has earned a fortune and a wealth of knowledge during his lifetime and wants to share both. His motto: "He who gives while he lives... also knows where it goes."

Run As Fast As You Can And Don't Look Back

don't have any use for new furniture. Think about it. Ms. V. E. ... Internet

Dear Ms. E.: I see your point and it's a valid one. Medication should take a front seat over new furniture. But things don't always fit into neat, little, black and white boxes. You have no idea why that woman needed furniture. All you know is your friend didn't get her request filled and that alone makes you angry. I'm sincerely sorry—it's never fun to have been given the short end of the stick.

Dear Mr. Ross: Last February, a friend of mine said he would do my taxes for free, so I let him. Just yesterday, I received a voucher from the State of Wisconsin that said because of an error in addition, I now owe them \$200. I guess I should have gone to a tax preparer after all. This couldn't have come at a worse time because the money is due in a month, the same time my rent and car insurance are due. I can come up with half of it, so you can already guess what I'm requesting. Your \$100 sure would relieve the stress I'm feeling right now.

Mr. D. M. ... *Intercounty Leader*, Frederic, WI

Dear Mr. M.: All I can say, pal, is I've been there. The Internal Revenue Service is no stranger to me. I'd like to think over the years we've cultivated a mutual respect for one another. I'm losing less money each year, hence gaining more respect from the IRS. But my taxes have nothing to do with yours, except to say you're receiving \$100. Be sure to get it in on time though—interest and penalties really drive the tab up quickly.

Editor's note: Check your local radio station for Percy Ross' call of the day and visit his web site at www.thanksamillion.com

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Walter Warren
Westland

More Letters from our readers

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Letters

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Lowell Middle School for 750 district wide students by the summer of 2000, must now be everyone's number 1 priority.

Both Chambers of Commerce, many officials of local government and some area legislators, local businesses and individuals have already endorsed the October 3 bond. It is evident that there are many in the Plymouth-Canton community who lead by pulling us together, not by pulling us apart.

Continual bad mouthing of our school district, its' employees and their families, yearly threats to recall the school board and divide the district will garner newspaper headlines. But these misdirected efforts do nothing to make our P-C community a desirable place in which to work, live, and raise families.

We can lament forever the failure of 716 people to accurately record their 1997 bond votes. We might better spend our time and efforts to educate everyone on the correct way to use newer voting technology. We can remain silent and allow a handful of individuals to form a wedge within our community. Or we can surmount their obstacles by speaking out and joining hands to ensure that our community prospers and moves forward.

We can roll up the sidewalks by diminishing the quality of our schools, thus discouraging families and businesses from moving here. Or we can roll out the welcome mat proclaiming Plymouth-Canton as a desirable place in which to live, work, and educate children.

In the P-C community we have the best of all worlds—small town America, suburbia, and farmlands. We can congregate together for art fairs, Fall Festivals, and Liberty Fests. Or we can walk in solitude through parks, fairways, and fields. We can shop in small businesses or larger ones, dine

in cozy little cafes and larger family friendly restaurants.

As one community we have built our top notch Plymouth-Canton Community Schools. We must not take for granted the commitment that every generation before us made the educational opportunities we can and still must provide for the children who reside in our community.

On Saturday, October 3, take the time before the football kickoff, after the shopping, or between family activities to do something for everyone in our Plymouth-Canton community, most especially, our children.

Vote Yes! On the Middle School Bond to replace Lowell and to purchase 10 badly needed buses.

And Mr. Vorva, isn't it about time you did something constructive for our community as well?

Martha A. Trafford
Canton

Clinton needed to deal with world's problems

To the Editor:

With Global economic and political problems at an all-time high, we can't afford to go through impeachment proceedings against Clinton. The planet Earth needs strong leadership from the American president.

Nobody condones Clinton's behavior, but I would bet that some of the less virile men casting stones at Bill would have enjoyed Monica; given the chance. The difference is that they don't get the chance. Of course the President's weaknesses and defects of character shouldn't serve as an example for American children, but the immediate and over-riding concern is the desperate global situation that requires President Clinton's full attention.

Clinton lacks character, but he'll have to do. Starr, with his devilish grin, should have backed off.

Peter J. Narsesian
Pre-Candidate for Westland Mayor

Schools challenged to tell what's happening

To the Editor:

I am providing a editorial letter regarding the concerns I previously discussed with you about the Wayne Westland School District. Since this district serves my community, I am especially concerned for the well being of the district and its employees and everyone it serves. I hope to put enough pressure on school district administrators that will force them to reveal the truth about my concerns. I know the district maintains the information I asked for. I have talked with employees who do not want to be named. They assure me that the information is available. I want the public to know what it is.

It's back to school time which means that the School Districts in our community will be busy educating our children. There is no doubt that preparing young people for jobs of the future is not an easy task. However I couldn't help but wonder if the Wayne Westland Community School District is adding to its own burden through ignorance, stubbornness, or just plain lack of sensitivity.

Having children whose success was jump started through Wayne Westland Schools has always found me to be a proud defender of the school system. None the less, I was embarrassed with utter amazement when I became involved with a senior at Wayne Memorial High School who was expelled from school for making some very inappropriate statement about another teacher. Even though he did not direct his comment to the teacher, there is no question that the comments were inappropriate, threatening and unbecoming for a person of this young man's intelligence. I counseled at

long lengths with this young man who confided in me because I am a church leader. The student recognized he put his right foot in his mouth and hopped around foolishly on the other foot, he also realized and admitted to me that there was no place in any school or in our present day society for his inappropriate, disrespectful and threatening behavior.

After getting the student to recognize where he had gone wrong I felt a little damage control was appropriate. The student agreed to sit down and write a letter of apology for his vulgar tongue and offered to do whatever assignment necessary to help reconcile the matter. I thought that was a good idea and I also sent a letter to the school principal explaining that I had counseled at length with the student and felt that though he acted inappropriately he appeared sincere about his remorse. I was absolutely amazed that his apology and remorse was met with staunch hardness and inflexibility. I agreed to meet with the student, the students parents and a school administrator (who I will not name at this time). During the meeting I felt as if I were talking to a steel door. The administrator made it clear that the student was to be expelled. I suggested that the school allow this senior to graduate by taking the class he needed in Adult Education. The offer was met with a flat no and an insistence that the student never lay foot on school property again. I was really perplexed by his lack of willingness to move in any way.

I know that there are some actions appropriate where an absolute severance of ties with the student is the only viable solution, but this situation just did not seem this severe. I later reviewed the student conduct manual which did say that his kind of behavior could result in the student being expelled. I talked to the student about his policy and advised him that he committed a zero tolerance violation. The student then advised me that the zero tolerance policy is one

that is applied to black students more than whites. Now this young man really had my ear. The student went on to tell me of a white student who was caught with illegal drugs in the school. He said the school has a zero tolerance with illegal drugs. But this student was allowed to return to school. I was also told that this occurrence is not irregular and that an unusually high percentage of black students are expelled in the Wayne Westland Schools.

This young man really has my ear now because I thought we buried Jim Crows ugly head many years ago. I really didn't take this student's word as gospel so I decided to do some research myself. I felt that so many black students being expelled must be going to school somewhere else. I asked for a meeting with

Lorenzo Moner who is a school board member at the Inkster Public Schools. He did confirm to me that a unusually high number of black students expelled from the Wayne Westland School System had been seeking reinstatement in the Inkster School System.

Mr. Moner went on to say that these requests always seem to come about after the district wide head count was done. This meant that the Inkster Schools were getting a lot of expelled students but the money remained at the Wayne Westland School System. I still was not convinced that the Wayne Westland Schools were guilty of discrimination treatment so I requested from the Wayne Westland Schools through the Freedom of Infor-

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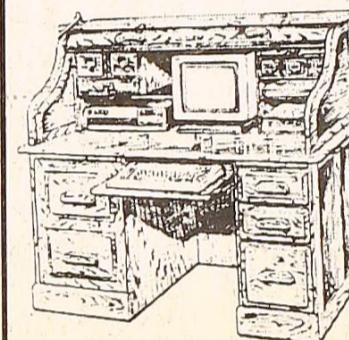
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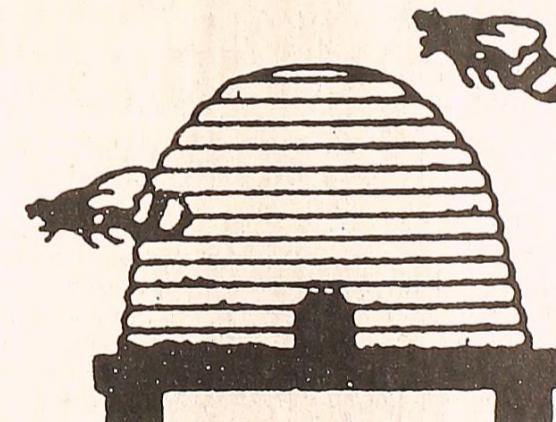
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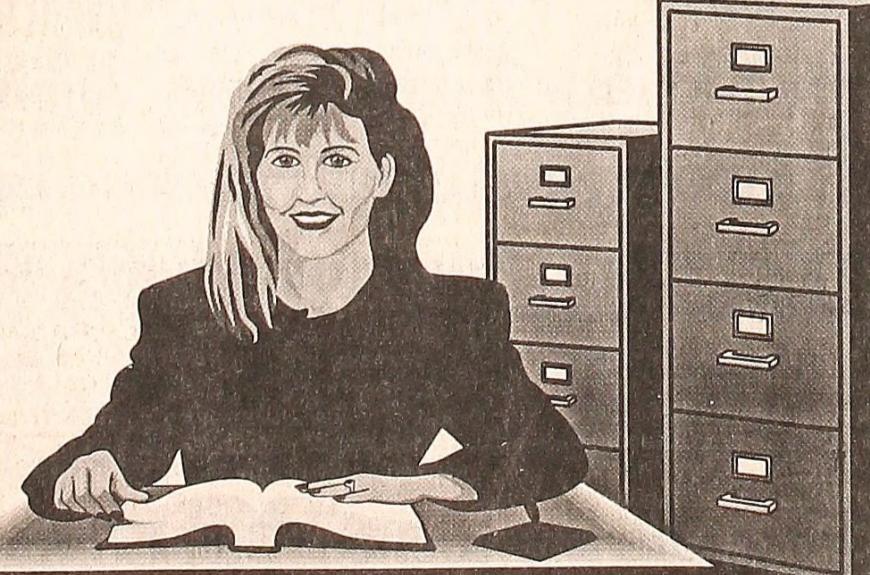
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BHS Homecoming Parade route approved by council

By DON RICHTER
MCN Special Writer

The Belleville High School Homecoming Parade, always a popular and well attended event by both young and old, had its route unanimously approved by the city council last Monday.

The parade will start at 6:30 p.m. and end approximately at 7:15 p.m., Wednesday, October 7.

Boys and Girls Bible Club to meet at Tyler Elementary

By DON RICHTER
MCN Special Writer

The Boys and Girls Bible Club will conduct their meetings, once again, at Tyler Elementary School during the 1998-1999 school year.

As in former years, the clubs will meet for one hour weekly after school, except when school is not in session.

The clubs will be staffed by volunteer community members, trained under the Bible Club program, who are interested in building the children's character. They will be responsible to care for the children and to observe all relevant school rules.

"No child will be admitted to a club without the parent's written consent," said Thelma Jackson, supervisor of the clubs. "Parents are always welcome to visit the club or call the Bible Club office for full particulars regarding the program."

For additional information, call 810-355-9916.

Van Buren MSRP accepting applications

By DON RICHTER
MCN Special Writer

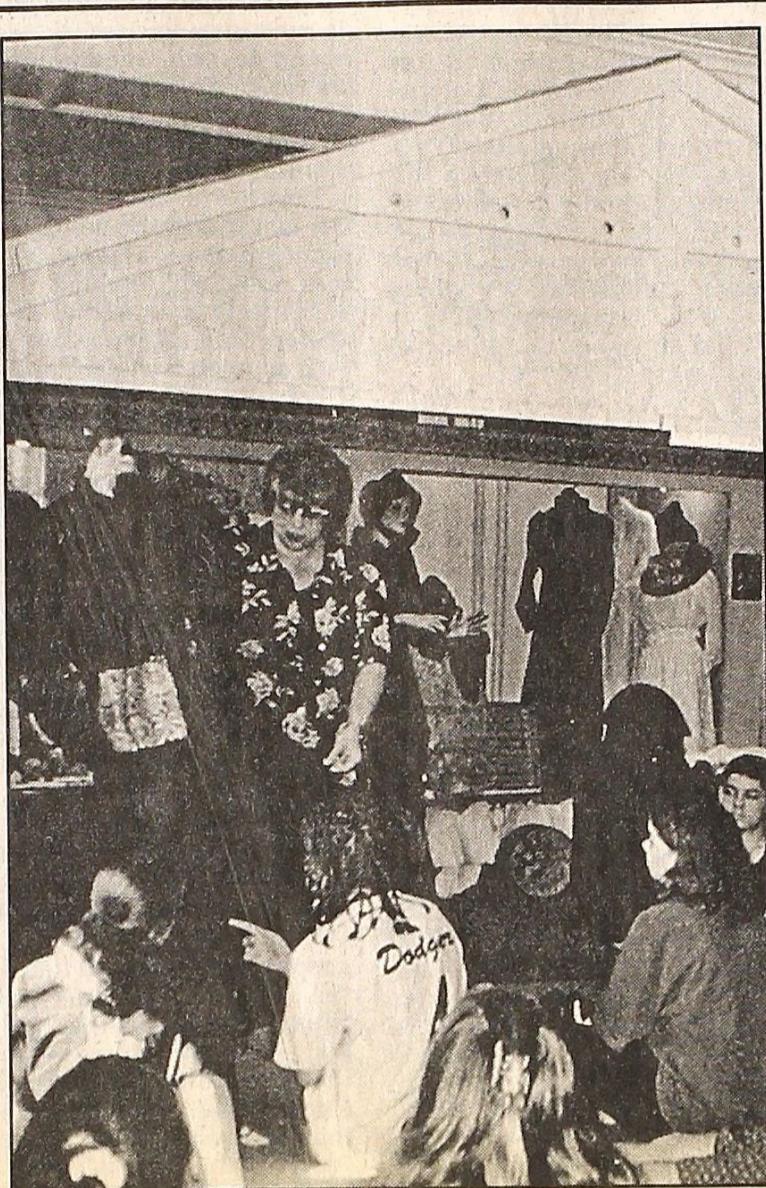
The Van Buren Public Schools Michigan School Readiness Program (MSRP) is now accepting applications.

The MSRP will conduct its program at the Mt. Pleasant Center (located at 39000 Superior).

Children must be four years old by December 1, 1998 in order to qualify.

This program is free to eligible families, and services all families who meet at least two of the 25 established criteria.

For more information, call 313-955-9305 or 941-2030 or drop in at the center (Room 20).



Belleville Area Historical Museum Director Diane Wilson shows South Middle School students clothing worn early in Belleville's history. The students were at the museum as part of a school project last Monday.

Technology

Internet-based education gets boost

By William R. Ferris.
For News USA.

NUI - The Internet has revolutionized how we teach and learn. The technology has even redefined our vocabulary.

It wasn't long ago, someone once remarked, that the "net" was

something you used to catch a fish, a "web site" was something that needed to be dusted and a "mouse" was certainly not something you wanted inside a school!

Today the Internet is almost universally recognized as a major educational tool. According to a recent poll, more than 90 percent of the nation's teachers believe that using the Internet boosts student achievement and prepares students for a future requiring technological literacy.

Yet 60 percent of the teachers are concerned about the quality of online content and want help finding what is best for educational purposes.

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2. NEH is awarding grants to schools around the nation through an initiative called "Schools for a New Millennium," which will enable those schools to become models of how teachers, principals, librarians and the community can fully incorporate CD-ROMs and the Internet into their everyday teaching.

3. NEH continues to fund the development of excellent new humanities Web sites and CD-ROMs in areas such as the American wars in Asia, ancient cultures of North America, Spanish colonial history, U.S. women's history, and Chinese history and culture.

The Internet places a vast, sometimes disorienting wilderness of information at everyone's fingertips. NEH seeks to provide teachers, students and other curious people with a map to the educational treasures that can be found out there.

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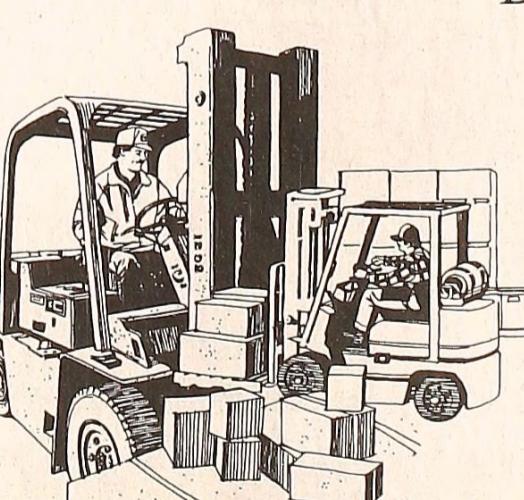
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Sunshine helps Romulus Pumpkin Festival grow

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

The second annual Romulus Pumpkin Festival was so successful last weekend in downtown Romulus, city leaders and volunteers are now discussing various ways to allow the fall funtime activity to grow.

A number of visitors to the city - who enjoyed the free entertainment - said they saw no reason why Romulus' festival could not grow to be a regional activity such as nearby Strawberry and Apple Festivals.

Last year planning for the first Pumpkin Festival was limited somewhat by the Goddard road rebuilding process.

The major part of that paving project was completed in plenty of time in 1997, but some groups and concessionaires decided to "wait til next year" before getting involved.

This year the opposite problem existed, as more than 20 vendors had to be turned down

Individual winners will be listed in future copies of the Romulus Roman.

number of vendors on hand, numerous school, church, political, governmental and social organizations took part in the festival this year, including Cory Elementary School, Romulus First Step program, the Community United Methodist Church groups, RECAP environmental group members, city police, public library and Romulus Historical Society representatives.

In addition two major musical groups "Channel 6" and "Luck of the Draw" proved to be real fan favorites Saturday night and early on Sunday.

Also the number of citizens getting involved in the various Pumpkin Festival contests also is growing.

Some of the weekend's overall winners are as follows: Diaper Derby - Emily Burcroff; Pie Eating - David Marshall; Hay Rolling - Sandra Chapman; and best pie baker - Jeannette Murphy.

Individual winners will be listed in future copies of the Romulus Roman.

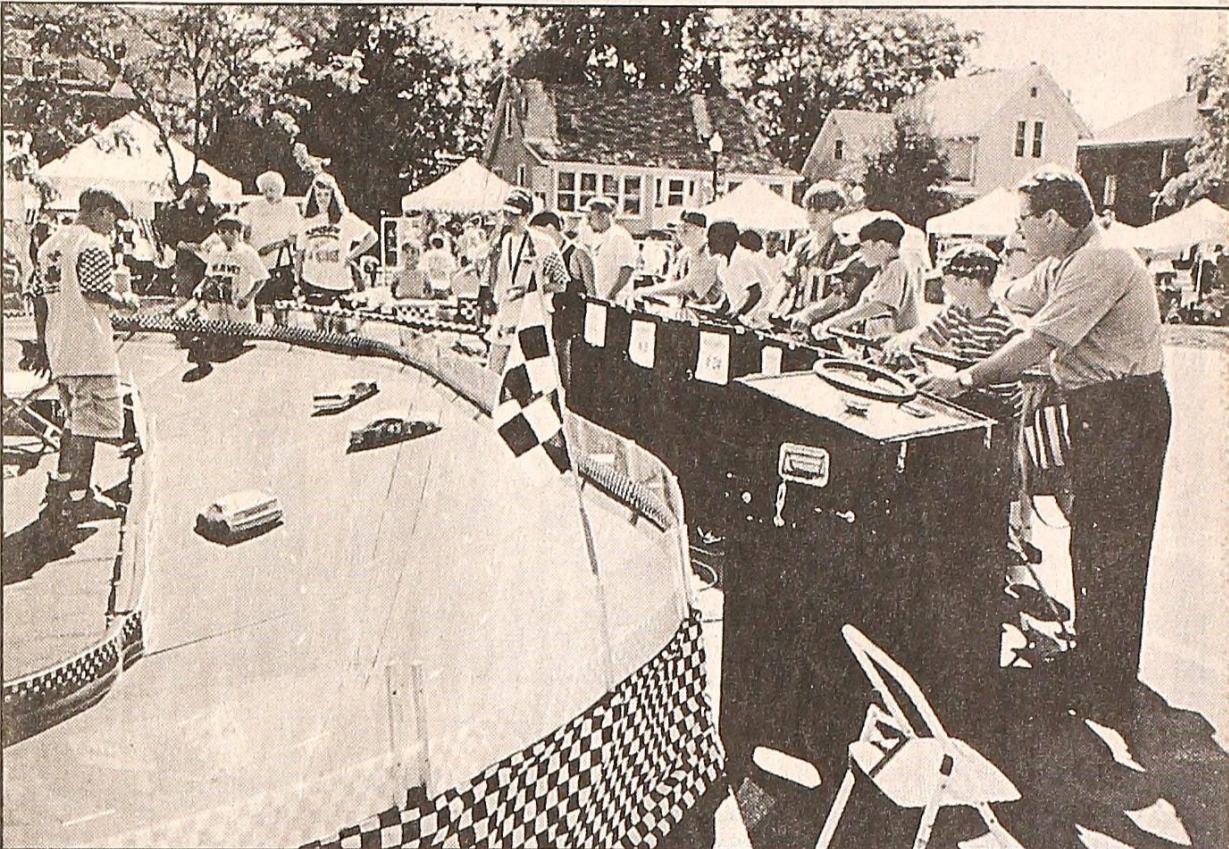
because of space limitations. Thus festival organizers feel strongly that next year's Pumpkin Festival is destined for exciting growth.

Mayor William Oakley highly praised the volunteers involved in the successful two day event calling it a "major success."

"There is no way to describe the satisfaction exhibited by those involved in last weekend's festival," Oakley said.

"To date (Monday morning) we have heard of no problems expressed by anyone," the mayor continued.

In addition to the growing



State Rep. Ray Basham (extreme right) confers with his grandchildren during a racing car adventure on the opening day of the Romulus Pumpkin Festival. MCN photo by Al Post



A happy Romulus area child careens softly down the inflated slide Sunday afternoon at the Pumpkin Festival.



Members of the Romulus Senior Citizen's Rockin R Sweeties dancing unit are shown entertaining the early Pumpkin Festival arrivals on Saturday. MCN photo by Don Richter

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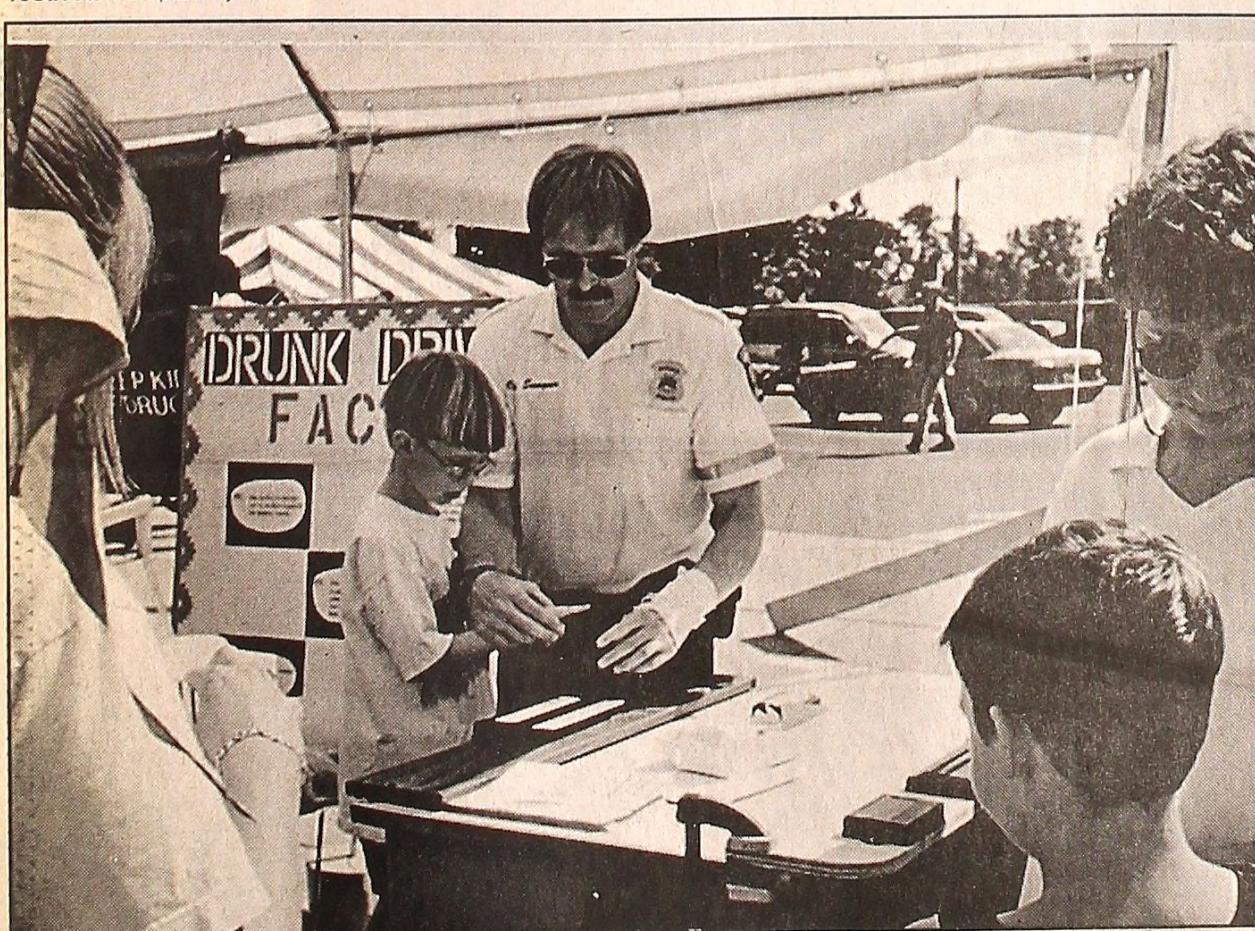
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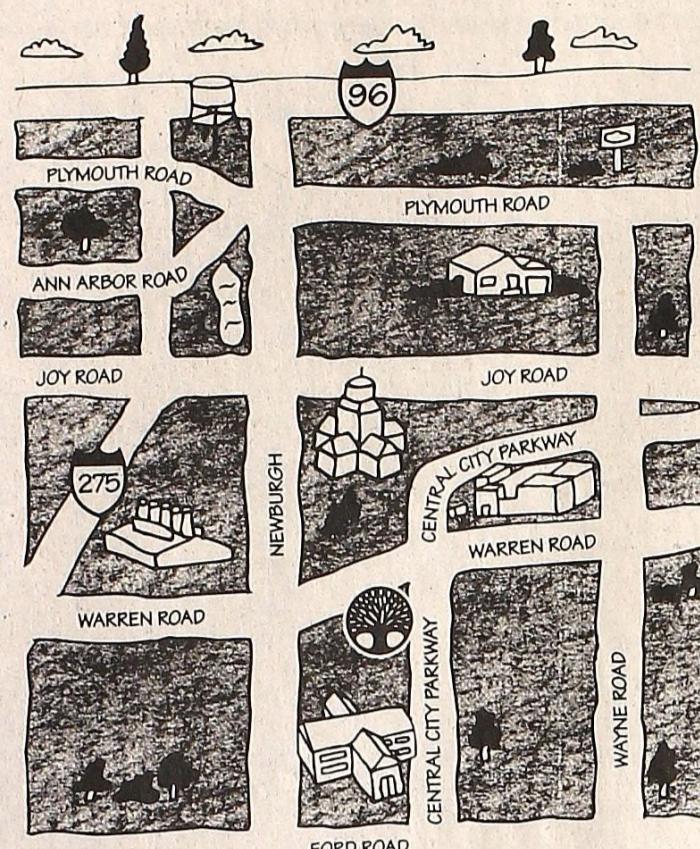
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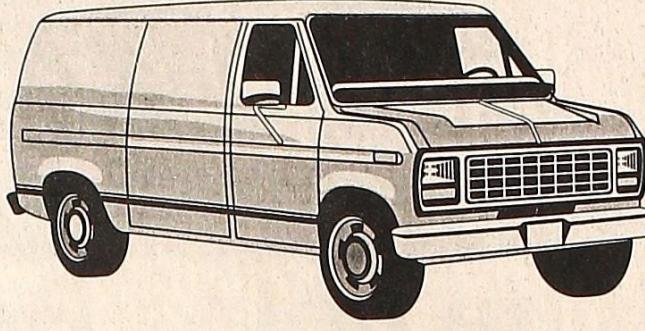
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Belleville/Romulus Crop Walk slated for Oct. 4

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

More than 350 Belleville/Romulus Crop Walkers -- similar to the ones spurred on emotionally last year by a crutches-borne Stephanie Smith -- will re-gather again at 1 p.m. Oct. 4 to raise massive funds for the needy both here and around the world.

Father John Hagan -- long-time coordinator of the local Crop Walk -- remembered in 1997 "people came out to the side of the road and cheered and cried...as the large group of Crop Walkers paraded by them with Stephanie Smith creating an extra inspiration on her crutches."

As usual the 1998 Crop Walkers will register and begin their walk at the Community United Methodist Church of Romulus (Olive and Bibbins).

Hagan and his co-coordinator Hannah Anthony revealed members of nine local churches and other walkers will take part early next month.

The official Crop Walk team is seek to encourage 375 persons to join in this year's walk that they hope will raise up to

\$32,600.

"Every year the communities respond more and more to the needs of the hungry," Hagan said. "Every year I think to myself, they can't give any more than this and then something wonderful, something good and miraculous happens and suddenly our goals are surpassed."

"What is so wonderful, next to the funds raised, is the spirit of the day," Hagan said. "As many as 350 persons come together, walk the 10 kilometers and everyone seems so upbeat, so determined, so focused on giving!"

Hagan called the experience with Stephanie Smith "one of those moments that are so rare in life, so special, that it lifts your whole life."

In addition to the Romulus-based Community United Methodist Church and Hagan's Trinity Episcopal Church of Belleville, seven other churches will be taking part this year.

The other churches include: St. Anthony's Roman Catholic, First United Methodist, Church of God, Presbyterian (all of Belleville), Faith United Methodist of Denton, Sumpter Community Church of God and

Mount Hermon Baptist, also of Sumpter.

One quarter of the money raised will stay in the area for helping the hungry and needy through the food operations at the Belleville Church of God, Belleville Emergency Food Closet at the Belleville First UMC, St. Vincent de Paul at St. Anthony's Church and the Helping Hand Thrift Store in Romulus.

The remaining 75 percent of the raised funds is sent around the U.S. and the rest of the world.

Hagan said some of last year's walkers participated in all 16 Crop Walks in the past two decades. Four walkers raised over \$1,000 -- with Stephanie Smith and Virg Stoltz raising over \$1,300.

In Romulus it was reported three church members collected over \$1,000 collectively namely: Laura Love, \$703, Wanda Sanchez, \$389 and Fred Michales, \$370.

Organ concerts coming to Belleville

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

The First United Methodist Church of Belleville is sponsoring a biennial event -- namely a series of organ concerts featuring Dan Broner.

On Dec. 6 at 7 p.m. Broner will offer the "Overture" of Handel's *Messiah* with community members singing six of the Christmas choruses. Soloists will perform the difficult, ornate portions of the story of the birth of Jesus Christ.

Persons interested in joining the chorus should attend the first rehearsal at 1:30 p.m. Oct. 11 in the First United Methodist Church of Belleville, 417 Charles St. The final rehearsal will be at 3 p.m. Dec. 5.

Persons wishing to serve as soloists should call the church's music coordinator Gwenyth Ashe (734)480-3472.

The month long series of tent revival meetings sponsored by the Church of Plymouth will conclude this week.

The revival sessions are being conducted on the church's new property on Ecorse road in Romulus.

Pastor Frank Howard said Pastor Jerry Ball of Cleveland, Ohio, will preach tonight and Friday night.

On Saturday night the guest speaker will be Pastor Richard Williams from the Assembly of God Church in Muskegon.

On Sunday morning an 11 a.m. service will be conducted by Howard followed by a 6 p.m. service offered by Pastor John Henderson of Southgate.

The services are open to the public and have been attended by 70 to 100 persons each night in the last three weeks.

The popular regular roast beef dinners offered by the Community United Methodist Church of Romulus will resume Oct. 10 from 5 to 7 p.m.

The cost of the dinners is \$7 for adults, \$3 for those ages five to 12 and those under five will be served free.

Persons seeking take out dinners must call 941-0736 to

reserve the dinners.

The church is located at the corner of Olive and Bibbins (across from the Romulus Police Headquarters).

Leah Chapter No. 43 Order of the Eastern Star will be presenting the Pastor's Choraleers of the Vernon Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church at 5 p.m. Oct. 4 at St. Clement's Episcopal Church.

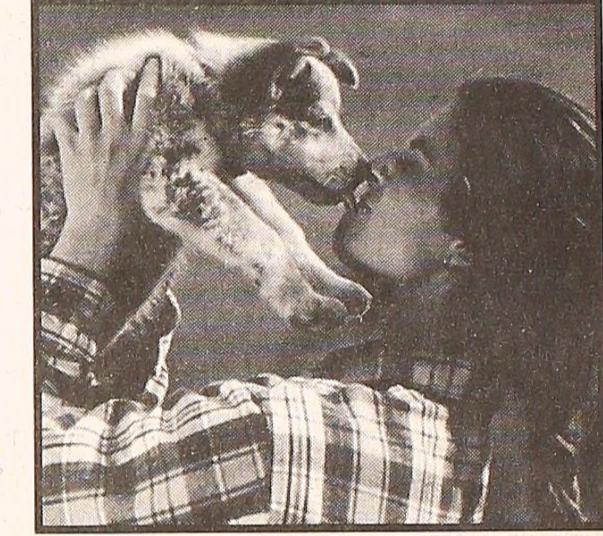
The church is located at 4300 Harrison road in Inkster.

The concert is held to help a scholarship fund that aids students attending the University of Michigan, Eastern and Western Universities and Mohouse University.

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YOUR CALENDAR OF EVENTS AND INTERESTS

SEND INFORMATION Items for the Michigan Community Newspapers Community Calendar should be submitted in writing at least one to two weeks in advance of publication to "Community Calendar," Michigan Community Newspapers, 35540 Michigan Ave., Wayne, MI. 48184. Each brief calendar item should be listed on a separate piece of paper. For more information call the newsroom at 729-4000 Ext. 43.

MARCH AGAINST VIOLENCE sponsored by the YWCA of Western Wayne County will be held on Oct. 17. March will begin at YWCA (26279 Michigan Ave.) and continue in a square-up to Inkster rd., across Michigan ave., down John Daly rd. and back to the YWCA. After the 10 a.m. march, a rally will be conducted to allow prevention agencies to express their work against violence. Awards also will be given out to youth for the most creative expressions against violence.

WELLNESS BLUNDERS is the focus of a dinner lecture from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Oct. 6 at Weber's Inn in Ann Arbor. The event is part of the "Women's Night Out for the Health of It" education series sponsored by the Women's Health Council at Saline Community College and St. Joseph Mercy Hospitals. Tickets cost \$23. For more information call 734-712-5400.

PUNT, PASS AND KICK CONTEST is being offered to area youth ages eight through 15 years of age at Griffin Community Park (Sheldon road side). Gym shoes needed, no cleats will be allowed. Both boys and girls divisions will be conducted with age breakdowns listed also. Registration begins at 9:15 a.m. Sept. 26.

CRAFTERS NEEDED for the Arts and Crafts Boutique sponsored by SS. Simon and Jude Church, 32500 Palmer rd. in Westland. Free admission for shoppers from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. A bake sale also will be held. For more information call 734-722-8098 or 722-1343.

SEXUAL ABUSE SEMINAR focusing on memories of child sexual abuse will be held Oct. 3 under the sponsorship of the Michigan Association for Responsible Mental Health Practices. Seminar will be held at the Ramada Inn on Reynolds rd in Toledo. For more information call 734-439-4055.

LIFE WALK sponsored by the Allen Park Pregnancy Center is slated to begin at 2 p.m. Sept. 20 at Champaign Park in Allen Park and will follow a route through the city. Walkers may choose either a one or three mile route. Free refreshments and snacks will be provided. For more information call 313-386-4005.

MERLE HAGGARD CONCERT is slated at 6 p.m. Sept. 25 at the Barnstormer Entertainment Complex in Whitmore Lake. Tickets for the Haggard show, one of the origi-



Schools are open

Romulus Cory Elementary School teacher Tanya Cristini is shown welcoming one of her first grade students, Ashley Gavin, as the local schools opened their doors for the 1998-99 school year. MCN Special Photo

nal Outlaws, can be obtained by calling Ticketmaster or Euphoria at 248-437-7466.

LEG PAIN SCREENING is slated Sept. 28-29 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days at the University of Michigan Health System East Ann Arbor Health Center, 4260 Plymouth road at Earhart. Appointments are required by calling 877-583-2556.

ARTS AND CRAFTS EXTRAVAGANZA sponsored by the Band Aid Booster Club will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Nov. 14 at Dearborn High School, 19501 Outer drive. Admission is \$1. Call 336-7047 for more information.

HALLOWEEN DANCE planned by the St. John Neumann Singles Group of Canton is slated at 8 p.m. on Oct. 24 at St. John Neumann Church on Warren road, west of Sheldon road. Tickets will be \$8. Dance includes pizza, pop and a top 40 DJ. No blue jeans please. For more information call hot line at 734-480-7830.

CHILDREN'S CHARITY DANCE slated from 8 p.m. on Nov. 28 at the St. John Neumann Church of Canton. Cost is \$10 with all proceeds going to the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Michigan. Toys also will be collected for the Toys-for-Tots effort. For more information call Jim Duda at 734-454-4269.

FREE VOCAL LESSONS are being offered to area women by the Heritage Chapter of the Sweet Adelines from 7:30 to 10 p.m. now through Oct. 14 at the Southgate Civic Center, 14700 Reaume Pkwy., Southgate. Wo-

men will receive an audio tape with their part on it to work with. For more information call 734-281-4798.

INDOOR SOCCER-ROLLER HOCKEY will begin Oct. 22 (soccer) and Oct. 5 (hockey) at the World Wide Sports Center, 2140 Oak Valley drive in Ann Arbor. Registration deadline is Sept. 25 for hockey teams and Oct. 12 for soccer. Cost is \$750 per soccer team and \$75 for individual hockey player and \$695 for team. For more information call 734-913-4625.

SHINE JESUS SHINE Christmas musical concert offered by the Salvation Army of Dearborn Heights will be performing at 6 p.m. Dec. 13. Area residents, ages 6 to 16, are being invited to join the musical effort with the orientation to be held at 7 p.m. Sept. 25 followed by practice sessions Oct. 9 and Nov. 6, 9, 20 and Dec. 12. For more information call Becky or Jennifer at 313-563-4457.

HARVEST GATHERING CARD PARTY is slated from 6:30 to 10 p.m. Oct. 9 at SS Simon and Jude Church, 32500 Palmer in Westland. Card games, table prizes, light meals and snacks are available. Proceeds will go to the church's building fund. Tickets cost \$6. For more information call 729-2716.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOK SALES offering two-for-one sales and 50 percent discounts on dining, travel, shopping, movies, sports, etc. are being offered for \$40 by the Plymouth Community Chorus. Books can be delivered throughout western Wayne County. For more information call Stan at 734-459-6829.

KIDNEY CAR DONATIONS The National Kidney Foundation of Michigan is now accepting used cars, boats, motorcycles and motor homes. Donors should call 1-800-488-CARS to arrange a pick-up date. They also are urged to consult their tax advisors for details regarding their specific situations. Funds raised from the vehicle sales are used to aid programs and services for Michigan's kidney patients.

QUILTING CLASSES will begin with an informational meeting at 1:30 p.m. Oct. 5 at the Wayne Senior Citizen Activity Center, 35000 Sims ave., Wayne. The instructor will be Veila Lauerman. Four weeks instruction cost \$20. Call 721-7460 for details.

HURON H.S. REUNION class of 1988 is looking for its alumni for its 10 year class reunion to be held Nov. 28, 1998. Alumni are asked to call the Taylor Reunion at 800-677-7800.

FOR ACTION AGAINST HUNGER a comedy night is slated for 8 p.m. Oct. 24 at the Music

Hall Theater featuring Dick Puritan and his Puritan's People. Cost is \$25. For more information call 248-350-3663.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY is slated for Oct. 24 this year. Last year 1.3 million people took part across the U.S. serving the homeless, helping children read, collecting clothes for the needy, beautifying parks, etc. If your organization is thinking of doing something that day and seek a planning packet, call the Michigan Community Service Commission at 517-335-4295.

HEAD START in Huron/Woodhaven is now accepting applications from low income families. The program is operated out of the Downriver Guidance Clinic on Merriman road in New Boston. Children attending receive healthy meals and snacks, enjoy playing indoors and outdoors in a safe setting. Children between the ages of 3 and 5 are served by the Head Start Program. For more information call 734-782-7216.

WOMEN SINGERS WANTED the County Connection Chorus of Sweet Adelines International is seeking women who love to sing. Rehearsals are every Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the UAW Local 898 building at 8975 Textile road in Ypsilanti. The Chorus is planning a "That's Entertainment" show on Oct. 18 at the Sheraton Inn Ann Arbor. For more information contact Paula at 734-995-4110.

WALK FOR LUPUS coinciding with the 25th anniversary of the Michigan Lupus Foundation will take part at 10 a.m. Oct. 3 at Metro Beach Metropark in Mt. Clemens. Registration fee is \$5 and those collecting \$50 or more will be given a free t-shirt. The 4.1 mile course is ideal for all walkers, joggers, rollerbladers, strollers and even those in wheelchairs. For more information call 810-775-8330.

GRIEF RECOVERY a five week course offered by the Hospice of Washtenaw will stress adapting to losses and skills in coping with such losses. Sessions will be held from 7 to 8:30 p.m. each Tuesday at the hospice office at 806 Airport Blvd., Ann Arbor. Pre-registration is required by calling 734-327-3409.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING free screening takes place from noon until 2 p.m. the first Tuesday of the month in the lobby of Garden City Hospital, 6245 Inkster road in Garden City - between Ford and Warren roads.

FREE HEARING SCREENING is offered from noon until 2 p.m. the first Tuesday of the month in the lobby of the Garden City Hospital, 6245 Inkster road in Garden City - between Ford and Warren roads.

SINGLE MINGLE DANCE is slated at 8 p.m. every Wednesday at the Bonnie Brook Country Club at Telegraph road, south of 8 Mile road in Redford. Proper attire is required. Dances are open to those 21 and over. Cost is \$4 and the dance hotline is 313-842-0443.

DETROIT CHADSEY HIGH SCHOOL REUNION for classes 1948-49 will be held Oct. 3, 1998 at St. Clement Hall, 19600 Ford road, Dearborn. Class of 1948 members should call 313-266-4129 and 313-383-1589. Members of the class of 1949 should call 313-273-1589.

40TH ANNUAL STAMP SHOW is slated to open at 10 a.m. Oct. 3 and 4 at the Al Matta Club, 5121 Oakman blvd. in Dearborn. The free show includes 30 frames of stamps and Postal History and the Bourse will consist of 10 dealers. A special cachet commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Ford Stamp Club and the Ford 150 truck will be available for \$1 per cover.

MADONNA UNIVERSITY OPEN HOUSE for prospective students will be conducted from 1 to 4 p.m. Nov. 7 in the Take 5 Lounge on campus. Those attending the session will tour the campus, meeting the faculty, staff and students. Information can be obtained by calling 734-432-5339.

FALL CRAFT SHOW The Romulus High School Class of 2000 will conduct its fall craft show from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. this Saturday at the school, 9650 S. Wayne road (across from McDonalds). Bakery items will be available in addition to various crafts.

ROAST BEEF DINNERS will be offered at the Community United Methodist Church of Romulus from 5 to 7 p.m. Oct. 10. Tickets cost \$7 for adults and \$3 for those five to 12. Those under five will be served free. Carry outs can be ordered by calling 941-0736.

SPAGHETTI DINNER to aid the Rockey family of Wayne, who were burned out by a fire on Aug. 7. Tickets to aid the family of five cost \$4.50 for adults and \$2.50 for children. The dinner is being sponsored by the Wayneland Eagles 4104, 35850 Earl st. For more information call 326-5772.

OPEN HOUSE is slated for 6

p.m. tonight at the St. Aloysius Catholic School of Romulus. The open house will feature a ribbon cutting of the school's new computer lab. Parents will also get a chance to meet the teachers and visit the classrooms in the building.

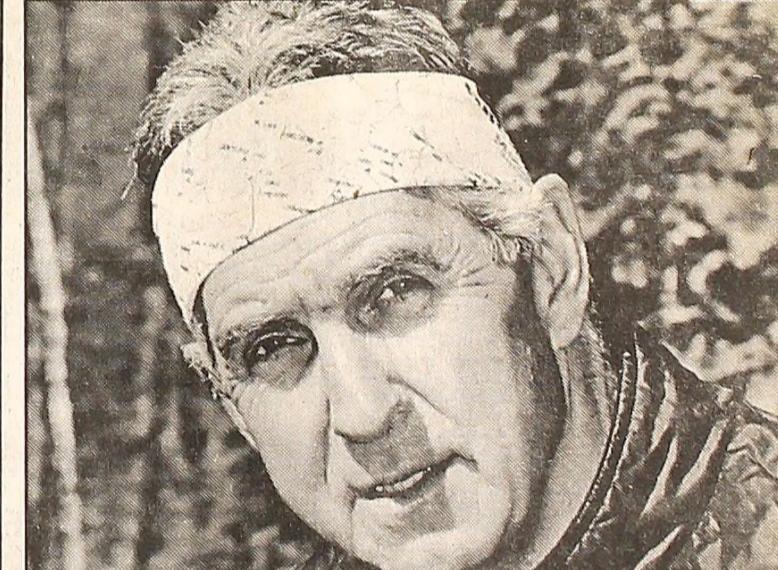
HOMECOMING PARADE for Canton High School featuring the theme "Under the Sea" will feature floats, banners, marching band, cheerleaders and the 1998 homecoming court. The parade will begin at 6 p.m. Oct. 2 and will travel from the Salem student parking lot across from the front of Phase III Canton High School and finally will end at the stadium.

RECIPES FOR LIFE The Presbyterian Village Westland will host the first in a series of health information coffee hours for older adults at 10 a.m. Sept. 29. Experts from Oakwood Healthcare System will present the "recipes." Coffee, tea, muffins and bagels will also be provided. For reservations call 734-728-5222.

ANNUAL LIFE CHAIN program will take place from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Oct. 4 on sidewalks of Woodward ave. in Detroit, Royal Oak and Berkley to display commitment of love of the unborn and their families. For more information call 248-777-9090.

CAT SHOW featuring 500 felines will be held each day from 9 a.m. Oct. 3 and 4 at the Macomb Community College's South Campus, Sports and Expo Center. The featured breed will be the Manx. Tickets are \$6 for adults, \$5 for senior citizens and \$4 for youth (ages 5 to 12). For more information call Eve Russell at 734-654-2302.

TIVOLI ARTS AND CRAFT SHOW is slated Friday (9 a.m. to 8 p.m.) and Saturday (9 a.m. to 5 p.m.) at the Northville Recreation Center, 303 W. Main st. Admission is \$2 and now strollers will be permitted. For more information call 248-348-1845.



Mt. Everest survivor

Lou Kasischke, athlete, author and partner in the Dykema Gossett law firm, will be the keynote speaker at the day-long conference sponsored by the George W. Romney Volunteer Center at the United Way Community Services. Kasischke survived a major mountain climb during which eight climbers died. Event will be held on Oct. 14 at the University of Detroit Mercy. Call 313-226-9432 to register or get more information.

CALENDAR FORM

The Michigan Community Newspapers want to assist you in publicizing your upcoming event. Carefully fill in the following information form and mail it to the Community Calendar, c/o the Michigan Community Newspapers, 35540 Michigan Ave., Wayne, MI. 48184.

You may also fax the item to 313-729-6088. Deadline is the Friday before publication. Call 729-4000, ext. 43 for further information.

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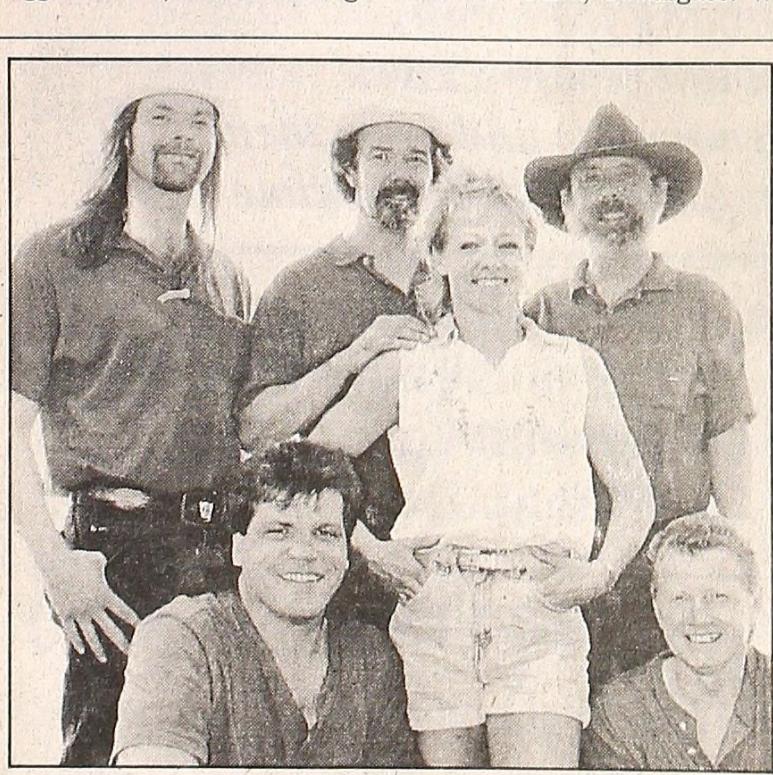
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Luck of the Draw

A country music group known as "Luck of the Draw" featuring Janice Leigh proved so popular on Sunday at the second annual Romulus Pumpkin Festival that the group has already been invited back for next year. MCN Special Photo

Family Room

By KAREN MEIER
MCN Special Writer

I know I promised you that this "Family Room" would never be the place for certain stuff. I said, and I quote, "What you'll find here, in this column, this Family Room, is pretty much what you'd expect to find in that room in the house where the family gathers. Comfortable things, kick off your shoes things, pleasant things, and if not altogether pleasant, at least kind of funny. You know - family things. And the harsh stuff? The really sad stuff? That has to stay out."

Well, my friends, things quite harsh, and really not too funny have barged into my family room, totally uninvited. And they're not, you know, "family things." As a matter of fact, they're like the total opposite of "family things." But the big mess is here stinking things up anyway. I don't want it here. To be truthful, I've worked very hard not to have that stupid stuff here, but too bad, it's here. And there was no escaping it. No one living in America has escaped this. Every American, you, me, everybody, has had the mess of messes barge into our lives, into our homes, into our family

rooms, into the places where our families gather. And to think, we've all worked so hard keeping this kind of crud out.

As a parent, I am outraged - actually Out Raged. Two separate words - out and raged. As a Mom, I am outside of rage, beyond rage.

As Dad and Mom of this family, my husband and I take our duties very, very seriously. As soon as we became parents 14 1/2 years ago, we knew we had undertaken a huge responsibility. It was like a vow. It was like an understood vow, one that didn't have to be voiced aloud every minute of the day, we just knew. We knew we would be from that time forward responsible for the lives we'd brought into this world. We would be responsible for bringing our children up safe and sound, responsible for teaching them right from wrong, responsible for helping them shape their character, responsible for letting them be innocent and protected from the more unseemly things in life for as long as possible, at least through their early years. And every day for the last 14 1/2 years, we've worked very hard at this, at being responsible for and on behalf of our children. And as all you par-

ents know, this is a tough job. The world outside my family room and outside yours just isn't as committed as we parents are.

Parents live this responsibility job day in and day out. Well, most parents live it. The careless ones, the cruel ones, the selfish ones, the slimy ones, the "unseemly" ones, the ones who wouldn't know how to set a good example if their lives depended on it obviously don't live it. Maybe what those parents are thinking is that there are enough role models in the world for their children, there are enough people in really visible places, respectable places, to take up the slack. The common, invisible guy, why does he have to worry about being a hero?

Is that how it is with those good-for-nothing, shirkers-of-duty type parents?

Do they hide behind their anonymity? Do they hold their nobody-ness out to be their excuse for rotten parenting?

Then what about that guy, that one who happens to be the "leader" of this great nation, he's a terrible Dad to his young daughter. What's with that? What's his excuse? He certainly isn't a nobody, he isn't

wearing a cloak of anonymity. Yet, he acts like a crud, forsaking, forgetting, or perhaps never even understanding in the first place, what it is to be a good parent. How could he have forgotten the vows of parenthood?

I am way confused, I am way mad. This is a horrible road America is on. It's a horrible road for our children to see, let alone have to be on. Our children this week would be laughed at, or worse, snickered at, if they would answer the question, "And what would you like to be when you grow up?"

"President of the United States."

Oh, yes. It's the highest office in the land, the one of great honor and duty and leadership and responsibility. Well, that's how it used to be. But now, hmmmm, well, it's a different story. And, uh, you're too young to know about this.

Oh great, Mr. President. Thanks a lot. You've brought to this high and honorable office unbelievably cruddy behavior, behavior unspeakable in front of the children of this land. You've brought to the office your persistent lies, and patronizing deceit, and an X-rating. We don't want our children exposed to this, or,



Karen Meier

heaven help us, aspire to this.

How, exactly, am I supposed to explain any of this to my children? This is such a messed-up mess. What good lesson can be learned from all of this? What questions will my children ask about their President as the next few weeks go by? What exactly am I to say to a 4 year old boy? Or a 6 year old boy? Or an 11 year old girl? Or a 14 year old boy? My two littlest, the 2 year old and the eight month old, will escape this crud. But what about down the road? What about America's children who are babies now 12 years hence, when they look in their history book in social studies class? They'll read of the embarrassing, humiliating, disgusting time it was for America in 1998.

They'll probably need a waiver signed by their parents to allow them to even open their books to the pages covering 1998 America. How's any historian going to ever cover this in a way that's accurate yet not pornographic? What a linguistic trick that's going to be.

It's a mess. And it's messing up family rooms all across America, and as a parent, I'm livid.

Had this guy been a good, decent Dad, had he taken his fatherhood responsibility seriously, had he not forsaken his duty to be a good role model for his little girl, had he done everything he could possibly do to bring her up safe and sound, had he taught her by example right from wrong, had he let her be innocent and protected from the more unseemly things in life, had he been all that - then she would have had a Dad fit and deserving to be the most visible leader in the whole world and fit to lead this country proudly and responsibly into the next century.

Had he been a truly good parent to his child, he would have been fit to be president of these United States.

To contact Karen Meier, E-mail her at Kmeier001@AOL.com.

Detroit to Florida, car rail begins

Autolog with its main office in Linden, New Jersey, announces that on October 1, 1998 it will inaugurate a service to transport cars for snowbirds from Chicago and Detroit to Florida.

Autolog has been in the business of transporting privately owned vehicles by open car carrier to most areas of the country since 1976. At present, it also transports cars by enclosed rail between New Jersey and California.

In view of the limited availability of open car carrier service by truck from Chicago and Detroit to Florida, Autolog and the Norfolk Southern and Burlington-Northern Santa Fe railroads have entered into agreements to transport vehicles to Florida in fully enclosed tri-level rail cars much like the ones used by manufacturers to transport new cars from assembly plants.

The new Chicago and Detroit rail hookup comes on the

heels of Autolog's sweeping success with its first rail line which has been transporting cars from New Jersey to California for the past few years via Conrail and the Union Pacific Railroads. This rail service boosted traffic by over 500% which enabled Autolog to substantially lower customer fares. The new rail service is similar to AMTRAK's AUTO TRAIN which operates between Lorton, Virginia and Sanford, Florida, except that in this Car-Rail service the customer is free to personally travel to Florida via whatever mode he or she chooses (i.e., airplane, bus, rail or car) and they are not required to accompany their car on a passenger train.

Autolog President Myron Levine says that its new Chicago and Detroit to Florida CAR-RAIL operation has also resulted in reduced fares. In this regard the operation will work as follows:

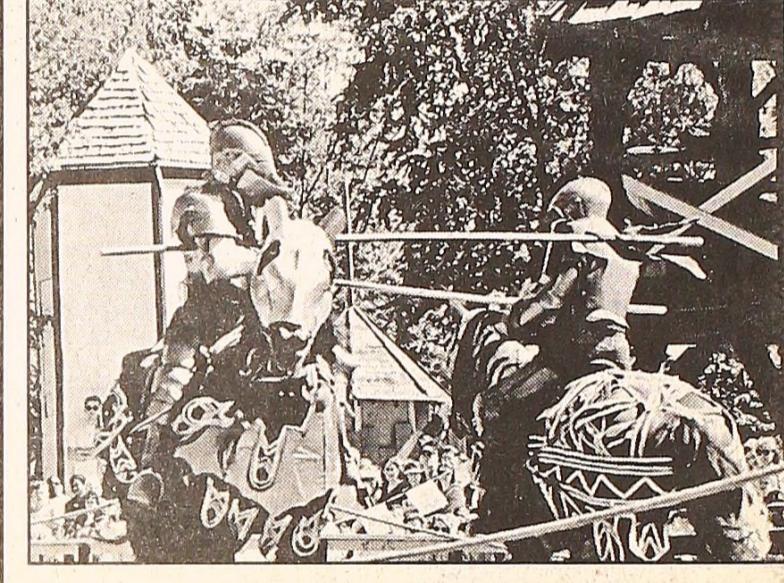
From October 1, 1998

through January 7, 1999 (peak snow-bird travel to Florida), trains will depart Chicago for Titusville, Florida every Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. Cars will be unloaded in Titusville, and will immediately be transported by shuttle auto carrier to any one of the following Autolog terminals: Boca Raton; Ft. Lauderdale; Ft. Myers; Miami; Sarasota; Tampa, or West Palm Beach. Transit time will average 6 to 8 days. If customers choose, they also can elect to travel by plane to these terminals and when they arrive Autolog will pick them up at the airport by shuttle van and bring them right to their car so they can ride to their home.

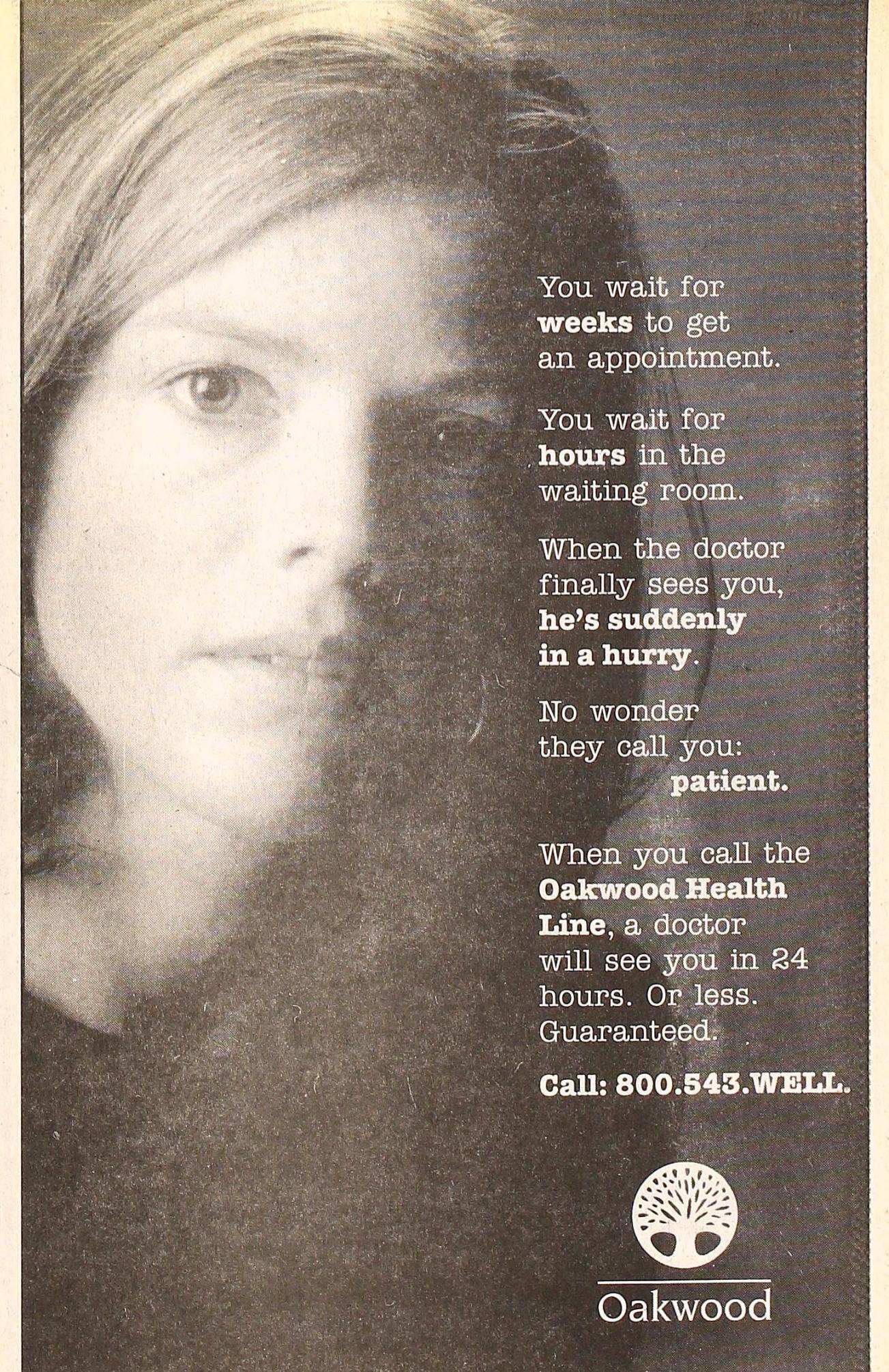
Obviously, to avail themselves of this service they need to allow the full 8 days transit time before they travel by plane. The total cost from our convenient Chicago and Detroit area terminals to any of the above Florida terminals is \$475*. Autolog has other terminals in Florida in Daytona, Ft. Pierce, Gainesville, Jacksonville,

Melbourne, Orlando, Vero Beach, Naples and St. Augustine, however, these destinations are only serviced by truck and the terminal to terminal fare is \$550.

Levine says his 22-year-old company will offer the same service northbound from March 23, 1999 to June 11, 1999. At all other times of the year customers will be offered transport by open car carrier at somewhat higher prices. Autolog will guarantee that the prices will not be increased in the spring for any customer who transports his car southbound with Autolog in the fall.



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Fall remodeling show opens next week

The sixth annual Fall Remodeling Show opens next week Thursday, September 24 and runs through Sunday, September 27 at the Novi Expo Center. Thanks to National Kitchen and Bath Association (NKBA) members, opening day is free day with a coupon available at their member store locations including The Home Depot, KSI, Kurtis Kitchen and Bath Centers, N.A. Mans Building Center and Mathison Supply.

"Don't file away those home improvement ideas for the year quite yet," said Mark F. Guidobono, president of Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) and chief executive officer of Cambridge Homes in Northville. "Even though winter is coming, it's not too late to tackle many home projects." The non-profit BIA is the sponsor of the event.

For a special highlight of the show, Michael Collihole, master artisan and home improvement expert from Britain, turns walls and ceilings into works of art with his texturing and faux finishing techniques as seen on CNBC,

Don't file away those home improvement ideas for the year quite yet.

Lifetime and HGTV.

Additional show features include the NKBA members, sale of cabinets, counters and other discontinued items to benefit more.

Habitat for Humanity, WJR's "The Appliance Doctor" Joe Gagnon, the pictorial display of the fourth annual Showcase of Distinctive Homes sponsored by BIA, Standard Federal Bank and The Detroit News and Free Press Classified Marketplace, Detroit Edison safety experts' demonstration of electrical safety and the need to play it safe around power lines and a Treasure Chest contest with daily prizes.

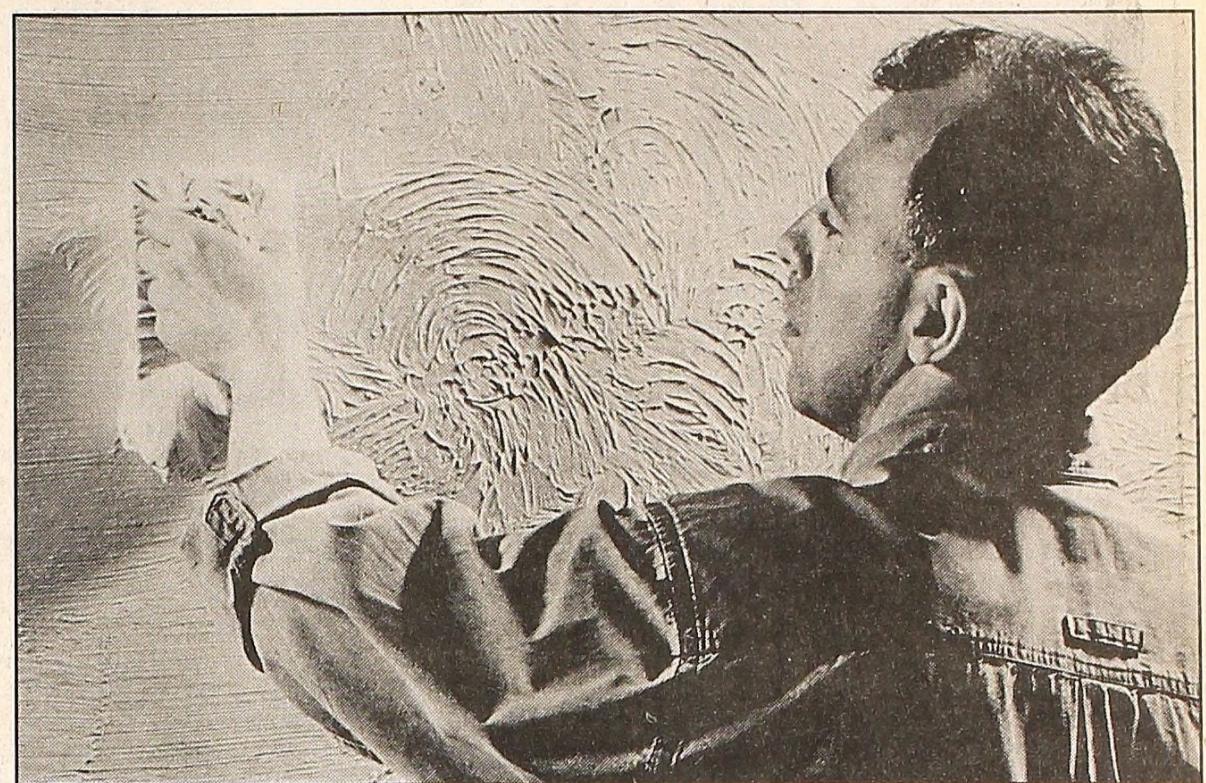
Over 200 exhibitors will show their most interesting and upto-date products and services for kitchens, baths, doors, windows, remodeling, interior design, furniture, arts and crafts, spas, decorative accessories, electronics, pet ac-

cessories, heating, cooling and appliances.

BIA also sponsors the Builders Home & Detroit Flower Show at Cobo Conference-Exhibition Center, the Macomb Home Improvement Show at Macomb Sports & Expo Center and the Spring Home & Garden Show and the Home Improvement Show at Novi Expo Center.

Novi Expo Center is located at 1-96 and Novi Road. Show hours are from 2 - 10 p.m. Thursday and Friday; 10 a.m. - 10 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$6 for adults; \$4 for seniors; \$3 for children 6-12 and children under 6 are admitted free. Family tickets for two adults and accompanying children are available at Farmer Jack for \$9. Discount admission coupons are available at Target and Hudson's stores. Ample parking is available at Novi Expo Center for a fee. For more information, visit <http://www.builders.org> or call (248) 737-4478.

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Bike path opens at Willow, Lower Huron parks

By IVAN HELFMAN
MCN Staff Writer

A new 3.2-mile paved trail connecting the bike/hike trails of Lower Huron and Willow metroparks in Wayne County was officially opened during ceremonies held at Willow Metropark.

It is complete except for paving at a CSX Railroad crossing.

Trails stretch through Lower Huron, Willow and Oakwoods metroparks. The new trail also connects to the paved trail that along I-275. The connector trail is 10 feet wide and includes two SW pedestrian bridges over the Huron River as well as 152 fed of boardwalk.

"This connector path is the result of years of planning and coordinated efforts among several governmental agencies — the HCMA, Wayne County Department of Public Works and the Michigan Department of Transportation says Gary Bartsch, deputy director for the Huron-Clinton Metroparks. The trail follows the route of the South Huron Valley Interceptor Sewer previously cleared and constructed by Wayne County Department of Public Works.

Total project construction cost was \$911,376 with \$375,000 of that amount coming from a Department of Transportation grant in 1991. The MDOT also provided a resident engineer for the project.

The HCMA now maintains about 43 miles of paved trails in nine Metroparks located throughout southeast Michigan.



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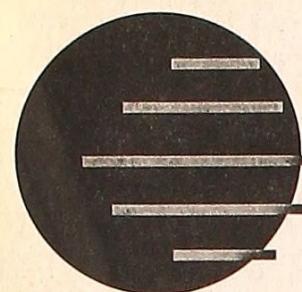
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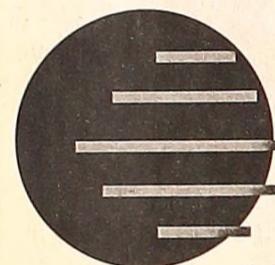
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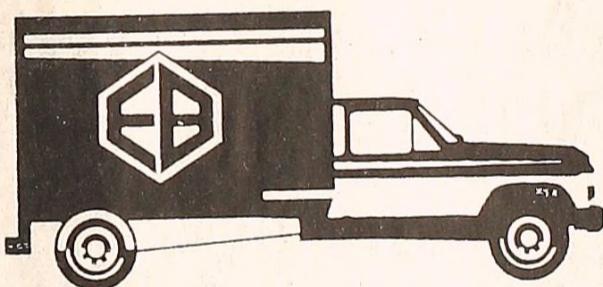
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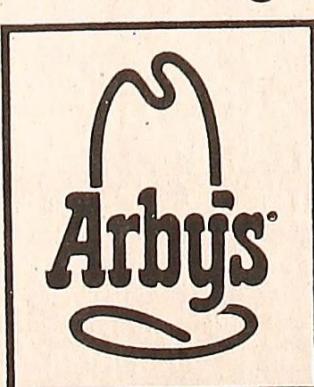
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was confident that these figures would clear any questions or inappropriateness on the behalf of the Wayne Westland School officials. My suspicions grew when I did not get an immediate answer from the school.

Instead I got a letter from the schools attorney asking for additional time to compile my request. Long after the allotted time for response to a freedom of information request allows. I received another letter. This letter was an incom-

plete response from the attorney and superintendent saying that the school did not keep records that I could use to compile the ratio of black to white expulsions. My first thought was "You took this long to tell me you don't have what I want!!!"

Well now my brow is really raised "Is the school really hiding the truth?" that was my first thought. My second thought was how could a racially mixed school district be so insensitive as to not follow this kind of situation a little more closely by keeping accurate figures. Their answer of "We don't maintain those kinds of figures" is completely

unacceptable. I challenge the school to publish what is really happening here. To either clear itself or recognize that in fact there may be a problem and some action may be appropriate to correct the problem.

I have been told by some Wayne Westland employees that there is an uppity nose high snobbish attitude among the schools higher levels of the administration and that this could be the real problem for both students and lower level employees. I would like to know what the administration has to say and I promise to keep my inquiry alive until I get some answers!!! There is no doubt that the Wayne West-

land Schools a duty of responsibility to the students, employees and the community it serves. I don't think we are getting it.

Hats off to the workers who repaired water main

To the Editor:

The water main broke at Franklin Middle School in the City of Wayne. The floor had been cracked by the force of the water.

I visited the work site on Tuesday, I talked to several

gentlemen that were taking care of the repair and I was most impressed with their attitude. The only thing that was on their mind was to get the school open the next day for the student.

Some of these men had worked all night long and my hat is off these dedicated workers of the Wayne Westland Community Schools. All of us in the district can be very proud of these men and their

dedication.

Jerry Weidemann, the executive director of maintenance, (what a way to welcome you back from vacation) and Tony Speiak, the supervisor of operations, they were right there too. My thanks to you and your staff for thinking so much of our students. Yours all tops.

Ed Turner
Wayne Westland Community Schools Trustee

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Salem squeaks by Stevenson in OT

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

For Plymouth-Salem and Livonia Stevenson football fans and fanatics, it doesn't come any closer than Friday night's Western Lakes Division thriller.

A last drive in regulation time. An overtime. The suspense was all there in Salem's unlikely 14-7 victory in OT over the Spartans.

Unlikely?

Consider that in regulation time, Stevenson had a 7-0 lead

before a poised and confident Salem quarterback Matt Fair led the Rocks on a 60-yard, 10-play drive that ended with no time left with a five-yard TD pass to split end Ryan Cook.

Now it was up to Jason Furr to tie the game, and he did, booting the ball right smack through the middle of the uprights.

In the overtime, Stevenson won the toss, and the Spartans opted to go on defense. That was quiet all-right for Fair, who had the "hot hands" and the confidence to continue his

heroics.

On the first play, Fair gave the ball to his fullback Dave Clemons who broke through to the five. Then, on the second play, using the same play, Clemons brushed past the Spartan line and went the distance to put the Rocks up for the first time, 13-7.

Furr's sure toe came through again.

Now, it was the Spartans turn. Quarterback Brian VanBelle managed to get three yards on the first play, then attempted three unsuccessful

passes that sealed their fate.

Salem coach Tom Moshimer commended his young quarterback for his poise under fire. He noted that in that final drive in the regulation period, "we did not have any timeouts left."

"So, we had to make first-down pass completions, and Fair got the job done. That drive was probably one of the best I have seen by any of our teams."

Moshimer was not too happy about being in the red zone several times and not being

able to score."

"I felt we should have attempted a field goal or two, but we didn't. There an adage about this game that when you get deep into an opponent's territory, you shouldn't come up empty-handed."

Salem had an early opportunity to score when Charlie Fisher intercepted a Spartan pass and made it back to the two before he was tackled. The Rocks could not find a hole in the Spartan line in that series or any other first-half series.

The Spartans drew first

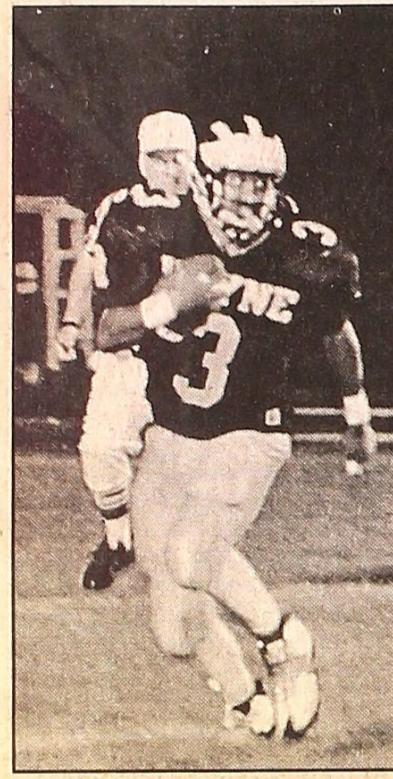
blood when VanBelle orchestrated a six-play 82 yard drive thanks to his pinpoint passing that ended in a touchdown.

Fair, who finished the evening with nine of 25 in the pass completion category had 140 yards. He was intercepted once and also three for one TD. With that game-winning TD, Clemons also rushed for 53 yards in 18 carries.

Moshimer commended the outstanding effort of the defense.

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Wayne brings Tigers down to earth



Quarterback Terry Turner (above) orchestrated Wayne's 27-7 upset over defending co-champ Belleville as he scored two touchdowns and rushed for 71 yards in 10 attempts. In the photo above, at right, Belleville senior QB C.J. Grantham (4) finds himself surrounded by defenders. Grantham managed to get the Tigers on the scoreboard early. MCN photo by Aaron Ortiz



Romulus, Russell roll to No. 3

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

With senior running back Freddie Russell working only part-time, Romulus rolled to an easy 32-0 victory over River Rouge in a Mega Conference, Gold Division football game.

Russell managed to rush for more than 235 yards and scored two touchdowns in 15 attempts, while playing less than two quarters. The senior running back did not start against the Panthers.

Was coach Mark Woodson saving Russell for the crucial rematch Friday night with Ypsilanti?

"Not really," said Woodson. "We tried to give everyone an opportunity to play."

Woodson and the Eagles will place their three-game winning streak on the block Friday when they take on the Braves, who won a come-from-behind 14-13 from conference

They have a well-disciplined, physical team that has many of the skilled positions filled with returning lettermen.

- Mark Woodson

decision from the Eagles a year ago.

Woodson has not forgotten that encounter, and labeled the upcoming battle as a "tough one."

"They have a well-disciplined, physical team that has many of the skilled positions filled with returning lettermen," Woodson added. "When you get that kind of balance on a team, you have a lot of potential. You can expect a great game."

On Friday, there were quite a few surprises in the Eagles' lineup. Instead of Robert Boykins at the throttle of the offense, Woodson used Derek Plave, and Russell also was missing from the backfield.

And it looked ominous for the Eagles at the beginning as Rouge controlled the ball for more than six minutes. In their first series, Rouge marched the opening kickoff to the Romulus 28-yard before the Romulus defense stood its

ground.

That performance on defense was an apparent boost to the Eagles' confidence. They did not yield much yardage after Rouge's initial drive.

But neither team got on the scoreboard in that first quarter. Then, Plave made his move. He put together a mid-field drive which was culminated in a 27-yard TD pass to A.C. Chadwick.

Plave missed the point-after but, with 11:54 on the clock, Romulus had a 6-0 lead.

Then, late in the same quarter, in fact, with 30 seconds left, Plave again came up with the big play - a pass to Kevin Thomas that put the Eagles on the scoreboard again.

This time, Plave didn't miss and put the ball over the upright for the point-after.

Woodson let Russell, Carlton McCauley and Boykins

See EAGLE, page C-3

With 3rd win, Glenn appears 'untouchable'

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

With senior running back Reggie Spearmon leading the way, Westland John Glenn inched toward a showdown with Plymouth-Salem for the Western Lakes Conference, Lakes Division title.

Salem (2-0) also remains undefeated in the division. Coach Tom Moshimer's lone loss was in the season's opener to non-conference rival, Belleville.

In the meantime, Coach Chuck Gordon's Rockets stretched its modest win

streak to three games as they blasted Walled Lake Central 20-0 Friday night to keep a share of the division lead.

On Saturday, Glenn heads for Farmington for a 1 p.m. game with a team that will be a good test for the league leaders.

Though winless in their first three starts, Central's defense held Spearmon to one touchdown in the first half, but then failed to contain the speedy and elusive running back, who scored two of his three touchdowns in the third quarter.

Central held Spearmon's in check during the second quarter and managed to contain him. But, after some adjustments, Glenn's line managed to give Spearmon plenty of running room in the second half that paid off with a 10-yard TD sprint.

Spearmon destroyed Central's dreams of any upset when he returned from his nine-yard touchdown run in the first quarter with

a pair of two TD jaunts in the third. His first, was a nine-yarder, off tackle with 8:46 on the clock. Pat Catafino kicked the extra point

and the Westlanders were up 7-0.

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But, after some adjustments, Glenn's line managed to give Spearmon plenty of running room in the second half that paid off with a 10-yard TD sprint. That TD was registered in the score book with 4:13 left in the third quarter. (Catafino again made good on the boot for the PAT).

Then, in the closing minute of the quarter, after full-back Jake Tharp, kept a

drive alive, quarterback Nick Hudson again went to Spearmon who flew through the Central line and crossed into the end zone from 19-yards out.

Catafino's bid for his third straight PAT was blocked.

Spearmon rushed for 148 yards on 26 attempts for his three touchdowns. Hudson made six of his 12 passes for 94 yards.

The Westlanders continued to look good on defense and leading the assault with a sackful of sacks for the Rockets was team captain Bobbie Hagelhorn.

Carter ends Belleville rule over Zebras, 27-7

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

It was a football game that neither team will soon forget.

For, it was one of upsets and for the record books.

In his first coaching appearance against Belleville, a team that has dominated Wayne during this decade, Wayne coach Floyd Carter managed to walk away from the field with an unlikely 27-7 victory Friday night before a crowd of about 3,000 fans.

The victory ranks among one of his greatest, Carter later would say. The veteran coach who served as Wayne's head coach in the early 1980s before a coaching hiatus that saw him leave the local scene until he decided to return as an assistant.

Last Spring, Carter was named the head coach.

"After that first quarter, I felt our kids rose to the challenge and played exceptionally well the rest of the way. It was definitely a great win for us.

- Floyd Carter

10-yards on an option run, he polished off the rest of the yardage with a touchdown pass to Brandon Montgomery.

Cullen Jenkins kicked the extra point.

And what did Carter think after that 7:17 Belleville TD?

"I said to myself 'Here we go again', but I knew our kids don't give up. They remained focused."

In the second quarter, the tide began to turn for Wayne.

Quarterback Terry Turner launched a 71-yard, eight-play drive, which included a fantastic catch by Eric Wojciechowski on a third down that was good for 18-yards.

Turner then took it upon himself on the next play to take the ball into the end zone. He scored from 25-yards out at 2:49.

Wayne was coming off of a 14-0 loss to Fordson, while Belleville went into the Mega Conference Red Division game sporting a spotless 2-0 record.

And it was Belleville, the defending conference co-champs which struck first. The Tigers scored on a five-play, 36-yard drive that was set up on a muffed punt return recovered by Derrick McCarter.

After Belleville quarterback C.J. Grantham picked up

See CARTER, page C-3

WYAA seeks 'spikers'

Westland Youth Athletic Association is seeking volleyball players for their fall league.

Girls, between the ages of 9 and 11 and 12 to 16, are invited to register for the volleyball program at the Lange Compound Building in Westland.

Parents or potential players who need more information may call Mark Rodriguez at 721-5786.

Westland finished 4th in nation

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

In a dramatic conclusion to a superlative softball season, the city of Westland's entry in the World Series finished fourth best in the nation.

Manager Larry Quartuccio's team, which carries the sponsors' banners of Jimmies/Varsity Athletics/Ques Sports/Easton, culminated the summer campaign by finishing fourth in a field of 57 teams at the national championships staged in Kansas.

"It was an excellent run against the nation's top teams, and it was a season that definitely was superb. We won't forget it soon," said Quartuccio, after the all-important World Series.

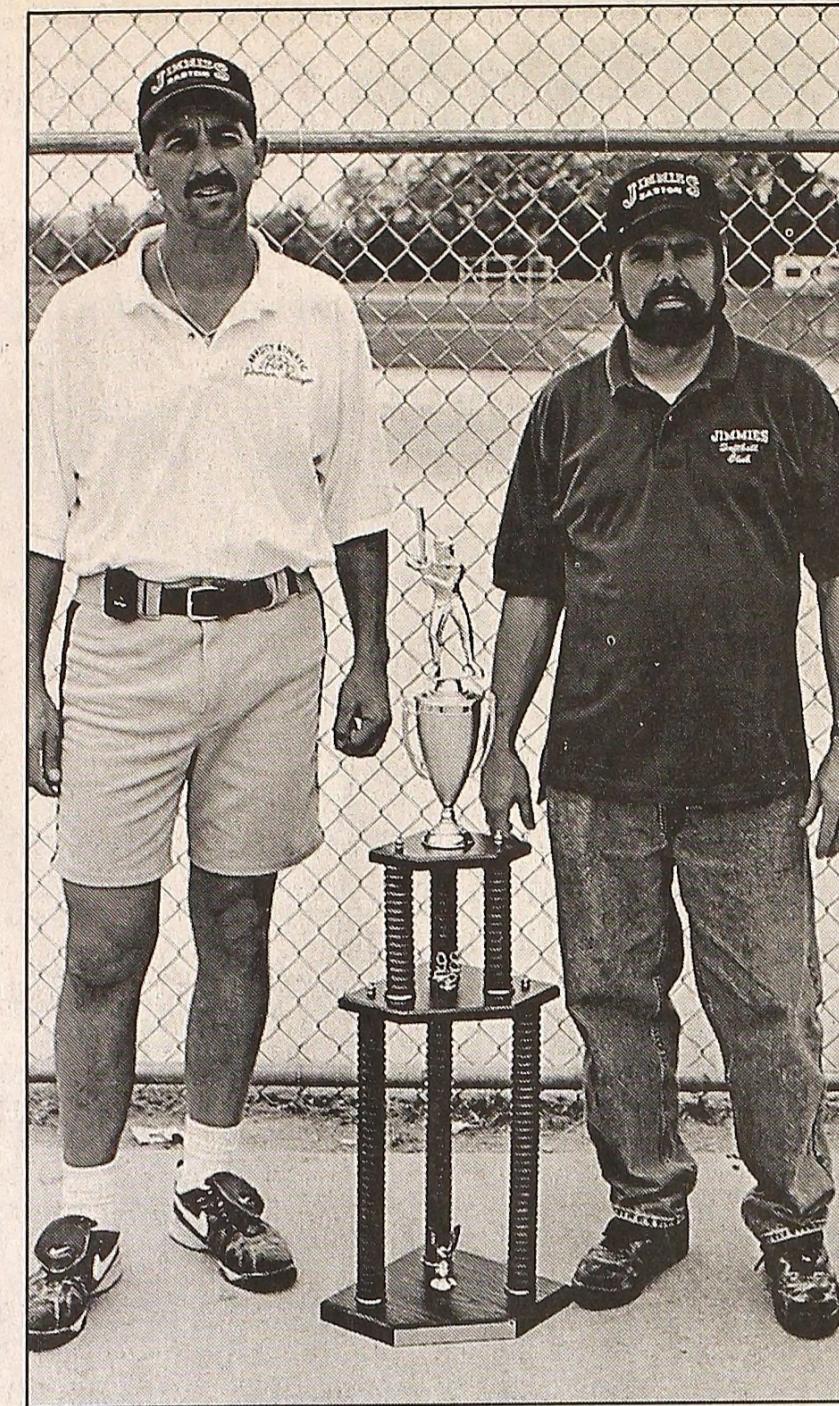
Two Westland players' names also appear on the World Series All-Tournament team. The honors went to third baseman Mark Matchulat, who hit .708 for the Series and also drove in 17 runs. Teammate Johnnie Simpson, an outfielder, finished the series with a .704 batting average. He had four homers and 14 RBIs. He also earned all-tournament accolades.

Two other Westland players John Sampson and Scott Hille also had outstanding series.

But the Westlanders ended the season on a low note as they fell to Sunnyvale, California 26-17 in the season's finale.

Jimmies' wasted three hits from Matchulat, Jason Riggs, Scott Nastally, who was the losing pitcher, and Scott Janack, a leftfielder who also laced three hits in four appearances and had two runs batted in that final game which decided third and fourth places.

However, in their final encounter against Prestige, a team out of Taylor, Mich., Quartuccio put together a lineup that surfaced with a 23-13 victory as centerfielder Johnnie Simpson came through with a perfect five-for-five at the plate.



Manager Larry Quartuccio (above, at left) and a team sponsor, display one of the trophies that Jimmies/Varsity Athletics/Ques Sports/Easton won during their recently concluded softball campaign. The team, made up of former local and area high school baseball stars, recently traveled to Kansas to play in the World Series that determines the world champs in the sport. The Westlanders returned home with a fourth-place trophy from the prestigious tournament.

Matchulat chipped in with three hits that included four runs batted in, and Nastally had four-for-four, including four RBIs. Tom Lengel did a lot of damage with his two hits, knocking in five runs with them.

In other games involving Westland, the local team fell to Oakland Plumbing 31-16, but beat a Fairfield, California team 21-10 and also posted an abbreviated 21-5 "mercy-rule" cut short victory over Omaha Nebraska.

Hille hammered four homers against the Omaha team, while Jason Riggs and Johnnie Simpson each latched on to three hits.

In the Series opener, Westland won a slugfest 36-23 from Supreme/Worth, a team out of St. Louis, Missouri.

MHSAA seeks to expand football playoff format

The proposal to expand its annual Football Playoffs from 128 to 256 teams will be the primary topic of discussion at the Michigan High School Athletic Association's Update meeting in October.

MHSAA Executive Director John E. "Jack" Roberts will address school superintendents, principals, athletic directors and school board members on a variety of topics at these meetings.

The proposal to expand the MHSAA Football Playoffs will be presented formally for the first time to meeting attendees. Over the summer months, MHSAA staff made presentations to various groups seeking input about playoff expansion to prepare for the upcoming meeting.

Attendees will be provided with a written, detailed plan about the potential expansion, which will be voted upon by the MHSAA Representative

Council in December.

A recent survey of MHSAA member schools in the spring indicated that 72 percent of 520 responses of principals and superintendents favored playoff expansion.

The plan being presented would lengthen the playoffs to five weeks, and schools which wishes to play a nine-game schedule would have the option of beginning their regular season a week earlier and practices up to two days earlier.

The plan would remove playoff points as the primary means of qualifying for the

tournament, and place nearly every team with six or more wins into the bracket.

"The Update series is among the most popular administrative services the MHSAA provides to its membership, and with football expansion as the major topic on the table, I would expect that attendance may be higher than most years," Roberts said.

This year's MHSAA survey included questions about the classification of schools in additional sports into divisions of nearly equal numbers; adjusting the calendar for MHSAA tournaments in girls soccer and track and field; establishing a team final in track and field; adjustment in MHSAA eligibility and transfer rules, and the establishment of policies for MHSAA tournaments regarding the use of performance-enhancing subs.

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Inkster stuns Annapolis, 14-0 to earn its 2nd Mega victory

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

Off to their best start in this decade, Inkster High shut out Dearborn Heights Annapolis Saturday afternoon, 14-0, to post its second Mega Conference Gold Division football victory in as many games.

Coach Mark Townsend's Vikings will place a 2-1 overall record on the block on Friday when they take on the defending divisional champ, Carlson, at the Gibraltar high school field.

Townsend also has the dubious honor of playing the champs on their Homecoming Night.

"They are the defending champs and have been picked to repeat," stressed the first-year Inkster coach. "I know they are a tough and fundamentally sound team."

"And also we can't keep on making the mental mistakes that we are making. We need to eliminate them if we want to

continue to win."

Townsend said that the support he and his team have been receiving from the parents and the Vikings' Athletic Club has "just been overwhelming."

"I can't say enough about the parents and the fans who have been there for us at our games to support these kids," Townsend added. "The little extra helps a team and its coaching staff, believe me it does."

On Saturday, under perfect weather conditions, Inkster humbled a winless Annapolis team 14-0.

The Vikings, guided by quarterback Alfonso Clark,

broke a scoreless deadlock midway in the second quarter when Clark broke through the middle of the Cougar line and went 55-yards for the go-ahead touchdown.

Opting to go for the two-point conversion, the Vikings failed to score.

The two Gold Division rivals settled in for a defensive duel the rest of the afternoon. But, the Vikings managed to strike one more time, thanks to the defense.

Inkster linebacker Will Morris picked off a deflected Annapolis pass and returned it 53-yards for the touchdown.

Townsend decided he wanted to go for two again, and Antonio Wimberly was selected for the assignment.

Wimberly found a hole on the right side of the line, and slipped through for the two-pointer, which would be the last time the score would

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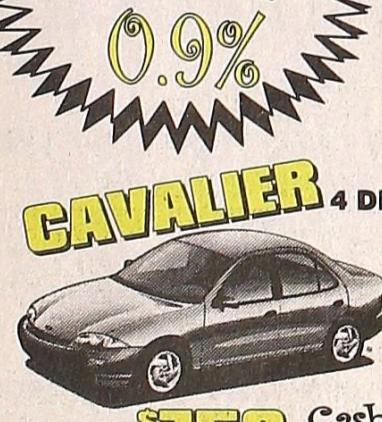
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Glenn bounces back

Tompkins leads Rockets to 2nd win

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

The opening season loss to Farmington Hills Harrison may have been the wake up call that pre-season title favorite Westland John Glenn needed.

The Rockets have strung together two impressive Western Lakes Conference golf victories to boost their record to 2-1 on the season after dropping a 200-208 decision to the Hawks earlier in the campaign.

Glenn's latest victory, a 17-stroke, 197-214 triumph over North Farmington at Glen Oaks Golf Course, was sparked by senior Chris Tompkins, who is one of the premier young golfers on the high school circuit this year.

Tompkins fired a two-under par 35 to finish atop of the field and led his team to their second win. Teammates Justin Fenealte carded a 37, while Duane Stott and Brian Reed checked in with 39s for the winners.

Stott, a transfer student from Texas, has definitely been an asset to the Rockets, who remain in the hunt for a conference and regional title.

In the conference opener, Harrison jolted the Rockets 200-208. That setback may have helped bring the highflying Rockets down to earth.

While the Rockets struggled on their home course, Fellows Creek, Harrison had two golfers tie for medalist honors. Both shot 37s.

touchdowns proved too much for Belleville to overcome.

Wayne's Kwame Hampton blocked a Belleville punt that teammate Jeremy Overton recovered on the Tiger four. Anthony McCarthy then scored for the two with Turner getting the two-point conversion.

Overton almost got in the score book when he recovered a Tiger fumble and raced 42 yards, one yard shy of the goal line.

Turner leaped over the Belleville line for the score, and Perryman's PAT gave the Zebras their final point.

Mingo, who failed to suit up against Fordson because of an injury, cashed in on a 35-yard jaunt to give his team a 12-7 lead.

Turner provided the key that opened the drive when he pulled off a third down option that netted 11-yards and a first down.

Two fourth-quarter Wayne

picked up 71 yards in 10 carries and had two touchdowns.

Belleville fullback Greg Terrell settled for 56 yards in his 14 attempts and Montgomery added 23 in six rushes.

Grantham attempted six passes and completed three for 37 yards.

In the battle of stats, Wayne came out ahead as the Zebras picked up nine first downs rushing, and seven passing as compared to Belleville's five rushing and four passing.

Belleville will attempt to recover on Friday at the expense of a strong Dearborn team, while Wayne Memorial has to contend with a winless, but improved, Southgate Anderson.

toss from Boykins, and Russell contributed a 64-yards score and with 5:03 left, then came back with his second score of the game late in the game.

Linebacker Rick Foster, credited with five solos and two assists to go along with an interception that stopped the Panthers' drive, was among

the top defensive players of the game.

But Woodson also commended his defensive coaches - Wade Cook, Mercer Bryson, and Avery Taylor - for an exceptional job preparing the team for the Mega Conference Gold Division game.

tional job against them," Moishner said. "It was really an outstanding team effort on defense."

Salem will entertain a winless Walled Lake Central (0-3) Friday night, but the veter-

an coach is quick to say that Central has played some tough opponents, like John Glenn.

"They (Central) are getting better and we are not taking them - or anyone - lightly," he added.

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Robichaud stays perfect in League's Gold Division

Annapolis next for Bulldogs

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

Crushing cross-town football rival Dearborn Heights Crestwood, 35-8, in its last outing, Robichaud will take on another city opponent, Annapolis, when action re-

sumes Friday.

And first-year Robichaud coach Bob Yauck Jr. is quick to point out that Annapolis's 0-3 record "is very deceptive."

"They have lost some tough, close games," said Yauck. "We are not taking them lightly. I have cautioned my team that to do so may prove fatal."

Robichaud made it 2-0 (2-1 overall) in the Mega Conference, Gold Division after whipping the Chargers at Crestwood. Riding the crest of two first quarter touchdowns, Robichaud built up a 29-0 lead at the half, then coasted to their second victory in their di-

sion.

Bulldog quarterback Quantine Riley engineered a 70-yard, eight play drive after an initial exchange of downs that culminated with fullback Darius Robinson's one-yard touchdown plunge in the first quarter.

Riley kicked the extra point to give the Bulldogs a 7-0 lead.

Larry Young blocked a Crestwood punt, which set up Robichaud's late first-quarter score. The Bulldogs recovered on the Chargers' 25 yard line and Riley, on an option, eventually broke loose from the 17 for the second TD.

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Though Riley's second PAT failed, the Bulldogs had a 13-0 lead as the second quarter began. In that second 12-minute period, the Bulldogs put 16 points on the board and that gave them a 29-0 advantage before the half.

Steve Scott's nine-yard touchdown jaunt, after Riley put together a 65-yard drive was Robichaud's next score, and Riley made good on the point-

after. Then, Levi Peoples scored his first TD of the season, the Robichaud tailing going off-tackle from nine-yards out. Riley's handoff to Darius Robinson produced the two-point conversion.

And Robinson's one-yard TD plunge polished off another long drive of 60-yards which accounted for the final score of the half.

Scott had an excellent

game. Along with scoring a touchdown, the Robichaud running back came up with 114-yards rushing on 14 attempts. Riley finished with 60 yards on five tries and one touchdown, while Peoples chipped in one TD, and 58 yards on 12 attempts.

On defense, the Robichaud controlled the ground and the air waves as middle linebacker Monte Scott registered five solos and two assists; Riley, who played free safety when he wasn't quarterbacking the team, also had some big hits which included four solos and four assists.

Twisters strike for 19-8 victory against Lightning

Quarterback Brian Kutch connected on 12 of 23 passes for 233 yards and three touchdowns as the Twisters jolted the Ohio Lightning, 19-8, to improve their record in the semi-professional football conference to 5-2 on the season.

Early in the first quarter, Kutch hooked up with his brother, Kevin, on a 30-yard completion that set up the Twisters' first touchdown. Kevin Kutch, on the next play, drove through the middle

The Twisters failed to capitalize on the point-after, but were up 6-0 with less than six minutes played.

The Twisters quickly added to their score. On their third possession of the first quarter, Kutch found Westland's David Ryan open in the end zone and fired a 37-yard TD pass to the flanker. The point-after was handled cleanly as Chuck Petipas, also of Westland, split

the uprights for the score.

The Lightning made the game interesting as the hosts stormed back in their next series and scored. Aided by an interception and two Twister penalties, the Lightning covered 37 yards on six plays and got what proved to be their only TD of the game. Ohio QB Jeff Simmons opted to go for two and found an appropriate receiver standing all alone in the end zone.

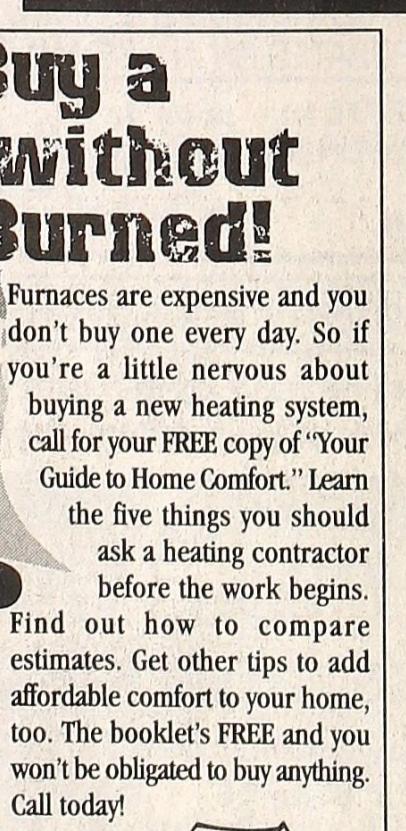
Late in the second quarter, the Twisters came back on a sustained drive that covered 48 yards, and added three

more first-downs to their total. But Ohio put up an impregnable wall at their own four and refused to allow the Twisters to score.

The two semi-pro teams separated at the half with the Twisters holding a slim 13-8 lead.

In a tug-of-war third quarter which neither team scored, the Lightning managed to piled up 50 of its 94 total rushing yards, and did it without crossing the 50-yard seam.

The Twisters received superlative play from linebackers Bob Pensari, a former Canton star who collected nine



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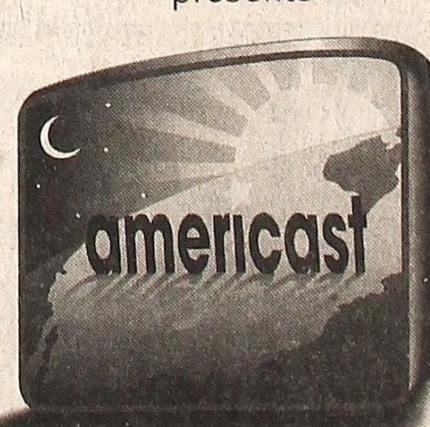
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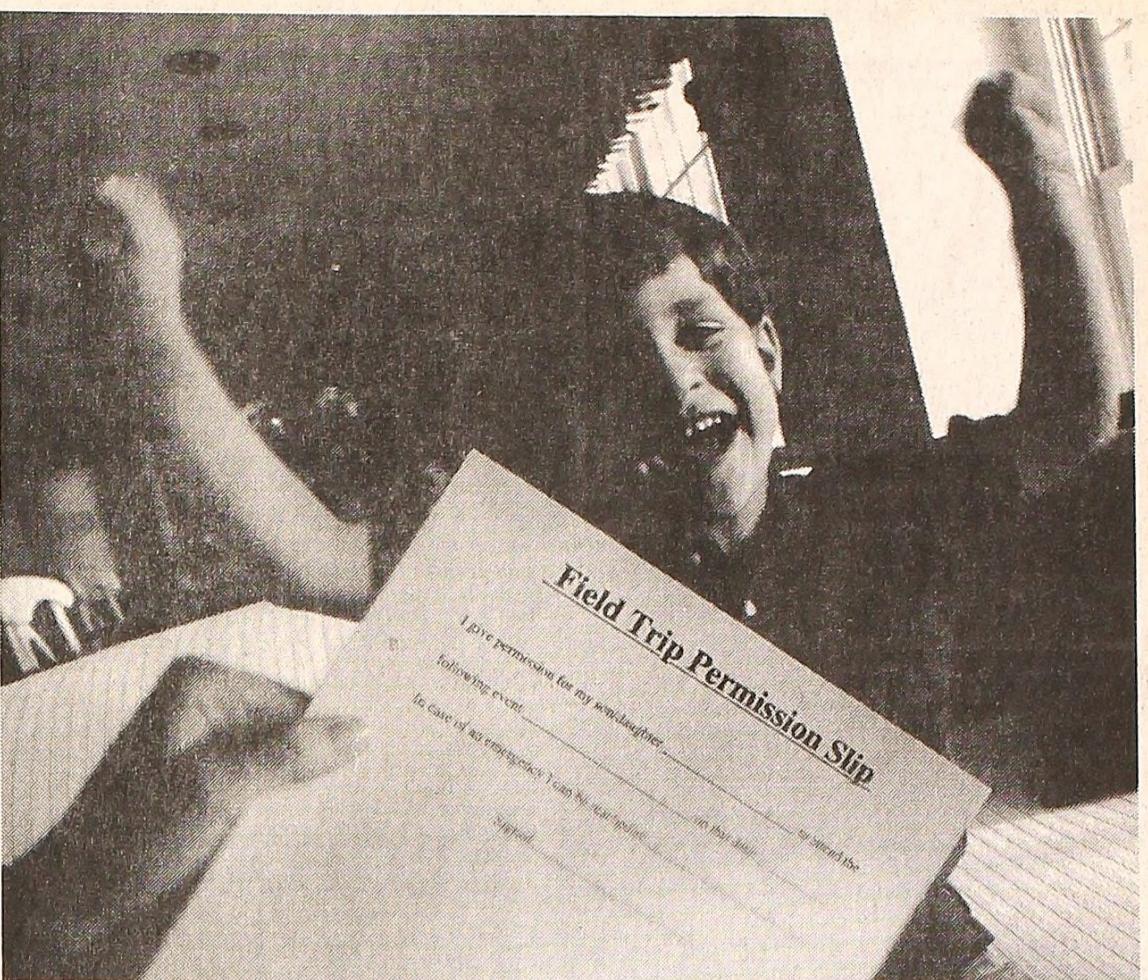
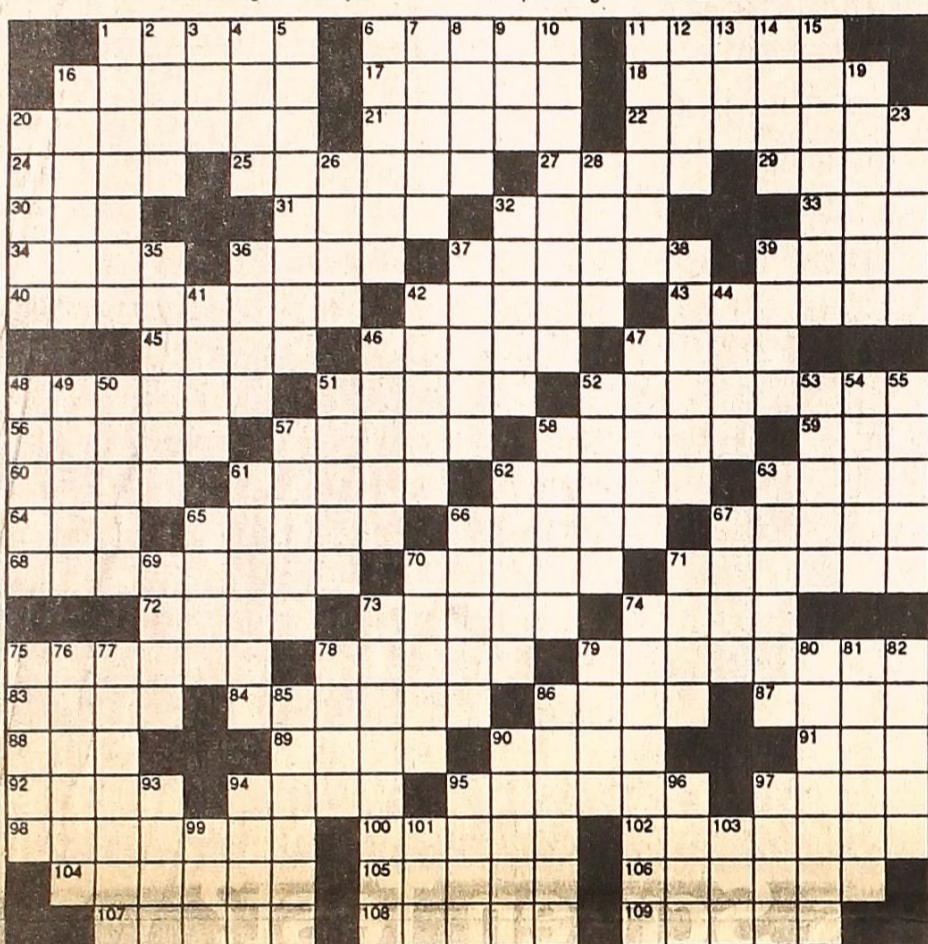
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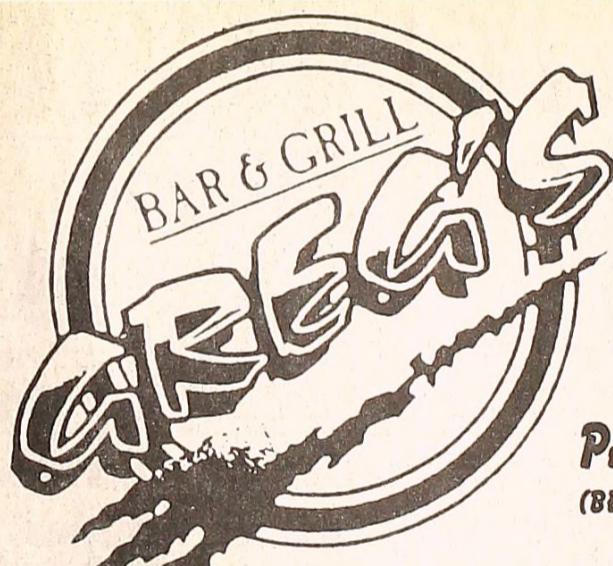
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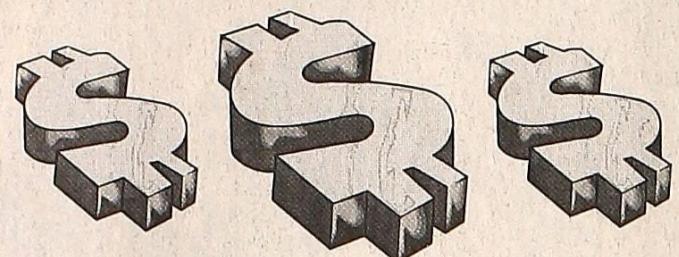
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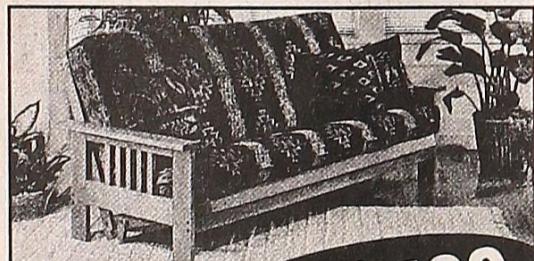
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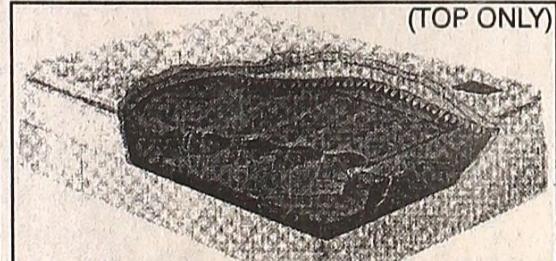
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VAUGHT, SHIRLEY A.

EVANS, EAUDE
Age 73 of Inkster, passed away August 9, 1998. Dear mother of Arentau, Kenny and Pierre (Myrtle). Also survived by a host of family and friends. Arrangements were entrusted to Penn Funeral Home and Cremation rites were handled at Tri-County Cremation Sv.

LEWIS, FRANKLIN R. "FRANKO"
Age 56 of Inkster, passed away August 12, 1998. Dear brother of Shirley and Elaine. Also survived by brothers John, Melvin, and Michael, and a host of family and friends. Services were held August 8 at Penn Funeral Home Chapel with interment at Fort Custer National Cemetery, Battle Creek.

ment at Washtenong Memorial Park, Ann Arbor. Memorial contributions to Washtenaw Community College would be appreciated.

Lee Thomas. Also survived by 3 sisters, and a host of family and friends. Services were held August 18, at the Chapel of Penn Funeral Home, with interment at United Memorial Gardens.

R., 6 grandchildren, 3 great grandchildren, brother Richard T., and several nieces and nephews. Mr. Trosin enjoyed being with his family and grandchildren. He was a past captain of the Romulus Fire Department. Services were held September 17, 1998 at Wolverine Baptist Church with interment at Silver Lake Cemetery, Wolverine, MI. Family suggest memorials to Wolverine Baptist Church. Arrangements by Lintz Funeral Home.

FLOOD, EDWARD T.
Age 94 of Wayne, passed away September 19, 1998 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center Wayne. Beloved husband of Lucille Bradley. Dear father of Robert, Richard, Larry, Diana, Stephanie, Pamela, and Susan. Also survived by 19 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren. Preceded in death by sons Edward, and Patrick. Services were held September 21 at Uht Funeral Home, cremation rites were accorded.

LEWIS, JAMES E.
Age 34 of Inkster, passed away August 22, 1998. Dear brother of Errol and Darryl. Also survived by 7 nephews, one niece and a host of family and friends. Services were held August 28 at Nehemiah Word of Faith FGBC with interment at United Memorial Gardens. Arrangements by Penn Funeral Home.

NOVOTNY, SHIRLEY L.
Age 69 of Westland, passed away September 16, 1998 at Botsford General Hospital, Farmington Hills. Beloved wife of Raymond A. Novotny. Dear mother of Daniel (Victoria), James, and Debra (James) F. Dear sister of Thelma T. Also survived by 2 step-grandchildren. Services were held September 19 at St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church, Westland with interment at Glen Eden Cemetery, Livonia. Donations to the Diabetes Foundation would be appreciated.

THORPE, EVA L.
Age 96 of Plymouth passed away September 18, 1998. Dear mother of Joyce L., and Bille (Bob) C. Also survived by grandson, Dean L. Services were held September 21 at Vermeulen Funeral Home, Westland, with interment at Cadillac Memorial Gardens west. Memorial tributes to charity of choice would be appreciated.

BELCHER, LEARA J.
Age 69 of Inkster, passed away August 4, 1998. Dear father of Virgie P. Loving grandmother of 6 grandchildren, and 11 great grandchildren. Also survived by 4 sisters, 3 brothers, and a host of family and friends. Services were held August 10 at Penn Funeral Home with interment at Knollwood Memorial Park.

CLANCEY, JAMES G. "PAT"
Age 88 of Livonia passed away September 18, 1998. Beloved wife of Margaret C. Dear father of Sharon (Arthur) K., Patrick (Laurie) C., and Colleen (James) P. Also survived by sisters Gertrude S., and Patricia H., 9 grandchildren, and 7 great grandchildren. Preceded in death by parents Patrick and Ellen Clancey. Services were held September 21 at Risen Christ Lutheran Church with interment at Wixom Cemetery. Memorials to Gran Care Hospice Services, Livonia.

HOGAN, ROBERT C.
Age 78 of Wayne, passed away September 14, 1998. Beloved husband of Mary. Dear father of Patty H., Ginny (Vince) C., Tom (Sheila) H., and Kathy (Bob) A. Also survived by 13 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren. Services were held September 16 at St. John's Catholic Church in Hubberston, with interment at St. John's Cemetery. Arrangements by Harry J. Will Funeral Home.

LINDSAY, THEDA M.
Age 74 of Inkster, passed away August 12, 1998. Dear mother of Ronnie. Loving grandmother of Domonique, Antoine, and Jamsmine. Also survived by a host of family and friends. Services were held August 12 at St. Clements Episcopal Church, with interment at Woodlawn Cemetery, Detroit. Arrangements by Penn Funeral Home.

RENO, DAVID L.
Age 48 of Tulsa, Oklahoma (formerly of Detroit), passed away September 19, 1998. Beloved husband of Hope. Dear father of David II, Kimberly (Ron) Marsh and Dawn (David) Corey. Dear grandfather of Heather, Marissa, Veronica, Mariah, Stephanie, Samantha, Anna and Olivia. Dear son of Sally Reno (of Wayne). Also survived by four sisters and one brother. Services held September 24 at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home, Wayne with interment at Glen Eden Memorial Park in Livonia.

VAUGHT, SHIRLEY A.
Age 62 of Stanwood, formerly of Westland, passed away September 14, 1998 at Arbor Hospital. Dear mother of Debra C., Sandra (Ronald) A., and Tania (Keith) B. Loving sister of Donna S. Also survived by grandchildren Amber, Autumn, Michael, and Justin. Preceded in death by husband Donnie. Services were held September 18 at Uht Funeral Home with interment at Parkview Memorial Cemetery, Livonia.

IVORY, ROBERT "BOBBY"
Age 55 of Inkster, passed away August 27, 1998. Dear father of Tracy, Stacy and Shawn. Also survived by 3 grandchildren, 2 brothers, 3 sisters, and a host of nephew and nieces, and family and friends. Services were held at the Chapel of Penn Funeral Home August 29.

MATSEY, ANN M.
Age 62 of Inkster passed away August 23, 1998. Dear sister of Charity, Willie and David. Also survived by 4 half sisters, one uncle, one surviving child, Inger, 15 grandchildren, 6 great grandchildren, and a host of family and friends. Services were held at the Chapel of Penn Funeral Home August 29.

ROSS, ESTHER A.
Age 86 of Dearborn Heights, passed away September 9, 1998. Dear mother of Betty Wells, and John Ross. Also survived by 15 grandchildren, 19 great grandchildren, and 5 great, great grandchildren. Preceded in death by husband Hugh J., daughters Donna Boatman, and Esther Dorda, and son Earl Ross. Services were held September 12 at Uht Funeral Home with interment at Parkview Cemetery, Livonia. Donations to Angela Hospice would be appreciated.

EHRHART, TODD
Age 55 of Bruceton, Tennessee (formerly of Canton), passed away September 15, 1998 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Superior Twp. Beloved husband of Linda Mead. Dear mother of James (Vicki) G., Robert (Jennifer) W., Michael (Sue), Jeffrey (Lisa), and Leslie (Kenny). Also survived by brother Donald, and 12 grandchildren. Preceded in death by sister Avis. Services were held September 19 in Bruceton, Tennessee, with interment at Ehrhart Family Cemetery. Arrangements by Uht Funeral Home, Westland.

JACKSON, BONITA S.
Age 34 of Inkster, passed away August 12, 1998. Dear daughter of Nancy J. Loving sister of Gladys, Patricia, LaDawn, William Artist, and And're. Also survived by as host of family and friends. Services were held August 19 at the St. City COGIC. Arrangements by Penn Funeral Home.

MORAN, EUGENE J.
Age 77 of Ypsilanti Twp. passed away September 19, 1998 at his home. Beloved husband of Florence (Bunyea) Moran. Dear father of Janice M., Jerry (Janet) M., Jimmie (Joyce) M., Joyce (Steve) W., and Susan S. Dear son of the late Ralph and Nancy (Gross) Moran. Brother of Carl (Myrtle) M., Elizabeth (Darrell) D., and Lionel (Donna) M. Brother-in-law of Madeline M. Also survived by 16 grandchildren and 22 great grandchildren. Preceded in death by first wife, Evelyn Moran, and a brother, Oakley M. Services were held September 22 at David C. Brown Funeral Home with inter-

STORY, KENNETH C.
Age 62 passed away August 11, 1998. Services were held at Penn Funeral Home August 15 with interment at United Memorial Gardens.

THOMAS, DORIS
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Pioneer Day celebrates rugged Americas at Nankin Mills

Say pioneer to kids nowadays and they may conjure up some sort of vehicle. But there was a day when the image of the pioneer—individuals with strong backs, determination and a hunger for freedom—inspired whole communities to forge their way West.

Wayne County Parks celebrates America's rugged past for the first time on Saturday, September 26 at its first Pioneer Day on the historic Nankin Mills grounds in Westland. The event costs \$2 per person and runs from 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Visitors will get to see what life during the late 17th and 18th centuries involved. Wayne County Parks staff will demonstrate how to make candles and show off the art of tinsmithing. Fresh cider will be pressed on the premises. Children

can join in old-fashioned games.

The Just Friends Trio will play a variety of acoustical instruments including the dulcimer, guitar, bass and banjo. The group has been together for twenty years playing at folk festivals from New York to Wisconsin.

People interested in making their own cider to take home must bring bushel of apples and three clean plastic jugs. Hints: Mixed varieties of apples make the best-tasting cider and apples do not have to be high grade.

From the hunting grounds of Chief Tonquish to Henry Ford's first Village Industry Plant, Nankin Mills is a special site along the banks of the Rouge River. In 1842, a grist mill was built on this site. It

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The program, made possible through funding from the parks millage, will be held at the Nankin Mills Interpretive Center located on Hines Drive, just east of Ann Arbor Trail in Westland. Advance registration is required.

For further information, contact the Wayne County Parks' Nankin Mills Interpretive Center at (734) 261-1850.

Flyers to battle Jackets

While the Romulus Flyers took it on the chin last week, they will be seeking to avenge that loss with wins this week against the undefeated Huron River Yellow Jackets.

The first game will start at 1 p.m. Saturday at Romulus Middle School.

Last week the Flyers lost to the Gross Ile Devils.

In the freshman game, it was a disappointing loss as the Flyers gave up 38 points in their second straight loss. Head coach Steve Bednar said after the 38-12 loss, "it's back to the basics" as he seeks to regroup after the loss.

In the Junior Varsity game the Flyers fell just short of upsetting the defending champs. The Flyers caused some excitement for their fans when they took a six point lead, but later fell behind 13-6 at halftime. Neither team scored in the second half, although the Flyers threatened on several occasions.

In the varsity game, the Flyers took a pounding from a much larger Devil squad and lost 38-12. Head Coach Art Hebert said his team gave all they had, but just couldn't overpower the larger opponents.

Women At Work by Tamara Jones

OH, KAY! Congratulations to Kay Koplovitz, who was named by President Clinton as Chairman of the "National Women's Business Council."

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SMART OR NOT SO SMART? That is the question employers are asking about today's college graduates as compared to those of a decade ago. And, surprise, they're finding that Generation X-ers are not such blanks as some would have it. As a matter of fact, according to a survey by the Gallup Organization for Accountants on Call, they compare favorably with their elder siblings.

However, there is a gender gap that we should note: Employed women are more likely than employed men to assess the younger group more favorably. Why doesn't seem to be clear.

What does seem clear is that if this view is widespread, job seekers might do better applying to women executives than to men.

But a note of caution for job market hopefuls: You might find it easier to be hired by women, but surveys show, they'll expect you to measure up to higher standards than do male employers. Women bosses, for example, expect you to be on the job and on time. Women bosses are keen on appearances. They expect you to look as if you're prepared to work.

As demanding as women bosses may be, they are also more likely to be sympathetic to employee problems. Just don't play them for a sucker!

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UM-Dearborn honors students

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Canton—Albert Lewicki, Freshman Chemistry Award.

Amy Stempin, Undergraduate Award for Achievement in Organic Chemistry and Distinguished Biology Senior Award.

Jeffrey Antil, Outstanding Peer Instructor Award.

Rebecca Jardine, Outstanding Peer Instructor Award.

George Howard, Distinguished Biology Senior Award.

Timothy Stasevich, honors scholar in physics.

Inkster—Donna Chralowicz, honors scholar in science.

CITY OF ROMULUS PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Romulus City Council will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, September 28, 1998 at 7:00 p.m. in the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174 to consider an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate pursuant to P.A. 198 of 1974, as amended, for Aztec Manufacturing Corporation, 15378 Oakwood Drive, Romulus, Michigan 48174.

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NOTICE CITY OF ROMULUS PUBLIC HEARING - DEMOLITION 98-1

Notice is hereby given that the Romulus City Council will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, October 12, 1998 at 6:00 p.m. Prevailing Eastern Time, in the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174-1485, for the purpose of hearing objections to demolition and/or removal of debris on the herein described properties:

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This 4 door, 5 passenger sport utility which is manufactured in Nagoya, Japan is a product in evolution. I found it to be lacking in several areas, however I still could not admit to disliking it. I feel it competes well with other top of the line import sport utility vehicles when all is said and done.

Power and Transmission. This Demo was powered by a 3.0 Liter V6 with Multiport fuel injection and 4 speed automatic transmission. While not rocket powered by any means, I felt comfortable with the cruising and acceleration of this vehicle. The engine and transmission work very well together and I heard no complaints even if it took 11 seconds to get from Zero to 60 mph. Having said this, I do wish it had a little more muscle. This vehicle is rated to tow 5000 lb., but avoid doing so with passengers and or hills.

Handling. This vehicle came with 4WD, front and rear stabilizer bars, anti-locking braking system and all wheel disk brakes. Its turning circle seemed to allow for easy U-turns on city streets and I felt well centered when making sharp and fast turns. Being behind the wheel was pleasant and responsive.

Safety. This vehicle has side impact door beams and driver and forward passenger airbags. While at the library and on the web, I was unable to find any evidence of and serious safety concerns. From the point of a defensive driver, I feel that the handling ability of this vehicle will keep you out of harms way. The vehicle offers a good view of the road and short of coming equipped with a seeing eye dog, I found nothing

negative to comment on.

Dashboard Instrumentation. While I give this vehicle A+ in regards to style, (lot's of gizmo's and gadgets), I found some of the gauges hard to read when the sun was bright and on the horizon. Perhaps I need to get that optional seeing eye dog. The MONTERO has a unique center dash mounted multi gauge design. I like having the compass, thermometer, volt and oil pressure gauges.

Comfort. This is an area of strengths. I can not completely describe the feeling of posture support and comfort. I found there to be good roominess for driver and even back seat passengers. The air-conditioning kept me cool and I felt right behind the wheel. You will notice a sense of "highness" as relative to the traffic around you. Having had other SUV's that were bigger, taller, and more powerful, I do not know how Mitsubishi engineered this "feeling". One serious complaint is the beverage holder. I like my morning coffee and tunes as I head off to work. This is how I learned that if you use the beverage holder, you have no access to the climate or audio controls.

Other Miscellaneous Amenities. I must start by giving credit to the rich looking interior design. This vehicle comes with many little standard touches that the other manufacturers call options. I was not knocked over by the sound system, but they have upgrades available. This demo had what they call an "appearance package" which cost \$1800 but added the style to give this vehicle very good aesthetics.

The Bottom line. With gas mileage of 18 mpg city and 21



Mitsubishi 1998 Montero Sport LS 4 WD

highway, a manufacturers list price of \$29,000 (as tested), I feel that this vehicle should be consid-

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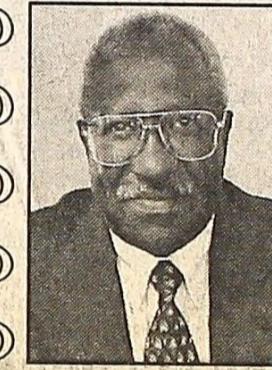
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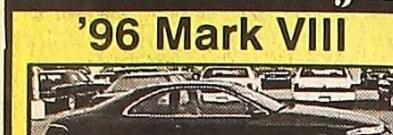
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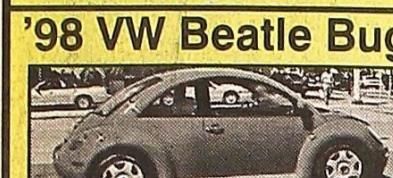


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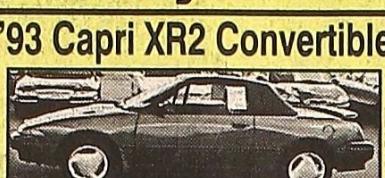
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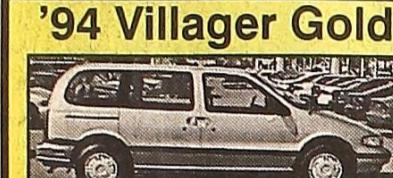
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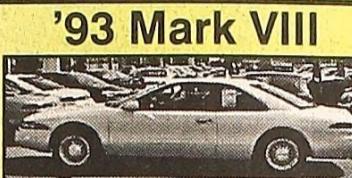


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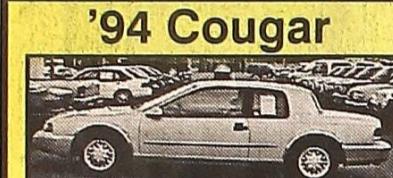
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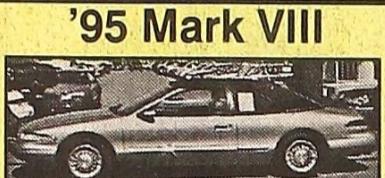


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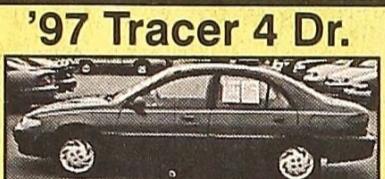


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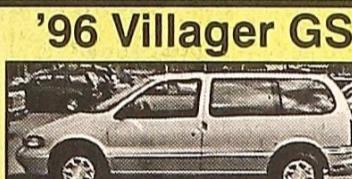
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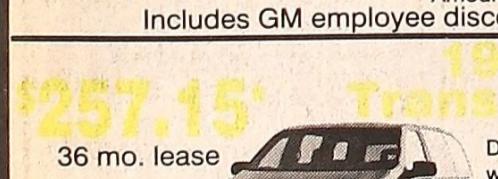
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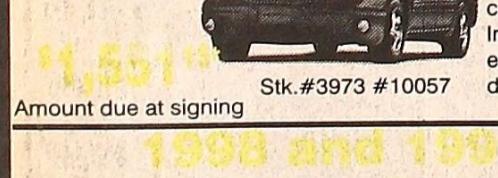
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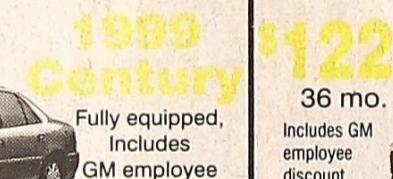


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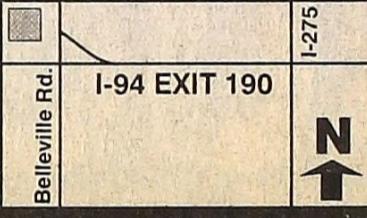
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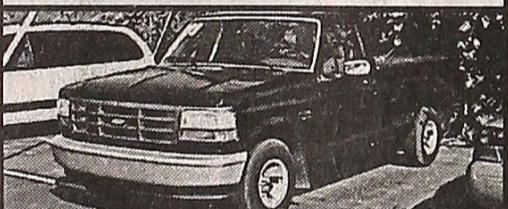
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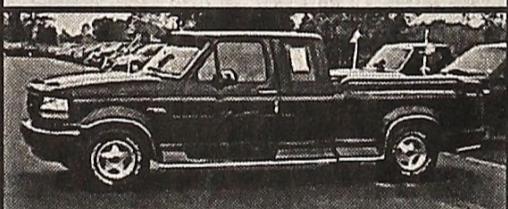
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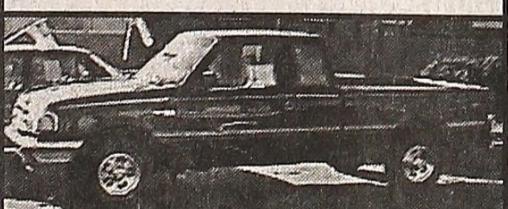


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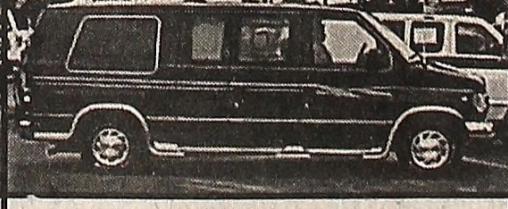
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